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ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
VICTORIA, B. C., 12 June, 1895.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 1 o'clock P. M. this day.

Present:—

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| T. C. Gray | Grand Master. |
| W. E. Holmes | Deputy Grand Master. |
| P. J. Fonlds | Grand Warden. |
| F. Davey | " Secretary. |
| D. Welsh | " Treasurer. |
| A. W. Scoullar | " Representative. |
| R. Roberts, P. G. M | " do |
| D. Haggart, | " Chaplain. |
| T. F. Neelands | " Marshal. |
| G. Glover | " Guardian. |
| J. F. Stainton | " Herald. |

The Grand Master appointed D. Menzies, P. G., No. 8, as Grand Conductor.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal examined those present, and reported all duly qualified.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Secretary presented the Credentials of the Representatives elected, also, the Certificates of those entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:—J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4; and B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the credentials of the representatives to this session presented by the Grand Secretary and find the following duly accredited:

| Lodge. | Representatives. | Alternates. |
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| Victoria, | W. H. Huxtable. | C. W. Ross. |
| | A. Stewart. | A. Graham. |
| | A. G. Day. | J. York. |
| Columbia, No. 2, | J. Pottinger. | M. McCahill. |
| | D. Anderson. | P. W. Dempster. |
| | A. Henderson. | F. Taylor. |
| New Westminster, No. 3, | T. A. Muir. | W. E. Townsend. |
| | A. J. Holmes. | F. H. Meyer. |
| | A. H. Ferguson. | A. McCorvie. |
| Dominion, No. 4. | G. Fowlie. | W. Walker. |
| | R. A. Anderson. | A. R. Gauld. |
| Black Diamond, No. 5, | Robert Rivers. | D. G. Dailey. |
| | W. H. Morton. | Geo. Ramsay. |
| Harmony, No. 6, | W. Anderson, | W. Gilchrist. |
| | T. F. Haggart. | A. Robertson. |
| | H. Mitchell. | M. Macdonald. |
| Excelsior, No. 7, | R. J. Marshall, | Geo. Ashwell. |
| Vancouver, No. 8, | W. A. Gallagher. | H. H. Davis. |
| | A. Miller. | S. Hollander. |
| Tatnai, No. 9, | E. C. Davison. | M. J. McIver. |
| Western Star, No. 10, | J. Mather. | A. Parker. |
| | J. B. Jopson. | T. Ward. |
| | H. B. Gilmour. | P. Campbell. |

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| Union, No. 11, | R. Cessford. | Wm. Anthony. |
| Selkirk, No. 12, | J. H. Stirrett. | A. Woodhouse. |
| Royal City, No. 13, | W. B. Townsend. | C. S. Keith. |
| Acme, No. 14, | S. W. Edwards. | Jno. Macmillan. |
| | M. Henderson. | H. O'Neil. |
| Cloverdale, No. 15, | J. W. McCallum. | W. Murray. |
| Kootenay, No. 16, | W. Hodson. | J. H. Matheson. |
| Duncan No. 17, | A. C. Aitken. | J. Cathcart. |
| Vernon Valley, No. 18, | F. B. Jacques. | W. Drury. |
| Mount Pleasant, No. 19, | C. F. Yates. | G. A. Miller. |
| Centennial, No. 20, | F. S. Whiteside. | E. G. Cavalsky. |
| | E. G. Pannell. | A. Wilson. |
| Delta, No. 21, | W. B. Skinner. | |
| Gold Range, No. 22, | J. Z. Choate. | J. Callin. |
| Ashcroft, No. 23, | G. Munroe. | W. Fearn. |
| Island, No. 24, | I. McLaren. | G. W. Shay. |
| Revelstoke, No. 25, | Wm. Lee. | |
| Pacific, No. 26, | W. Davis. | I. Johnston. |
| | W. Hogg. | T. Ward. |
| | A. Parker. | A. E. Mauld. |
| | G. L. Center. | A. McAllister. |
| | A. McKenzie. | |
| Amity, No. 27, | W. H. Gardiner. | |
| | R. Jardine. | |
| | Robert May. | |
| Cheam, No. 28, | A. A. Farwell. | D. Galbraith. |
| Perseverance, No. 29, | C. H. Rummings. | |
| Friendship, No. 30, | J. Smith. | F. G. Peto. |
| Banner, No. 31, | J. J. McDonald. | T. H. Rogers. |
| Mission City, No. 32. | R. S. Cunninghan. | |
| Peerless, No. 33, | T. E. Waller. | |
| | I. J. Hingley. | |
| | D. Curtis. | |

Also, that the following Past Grands are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:—

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| Victoria Lodge, No. 1, | W. M. Dean, A- Stewart. |
| Columbia, No. 2, | A. B. McNeil, D. Anderson. |
| New Westminster, No. 3, | A. J. Holmes, G. H. Grant. |
| Dominion, No. 4, | A. R. Gauld, R. A. Anderson. |
| Black Diamond, No. 5, | D. Ennis, S. Price. |
| Harmony, No. 6, | W. Anderson, T. F. Haggart. |
| Excelsior, No. 7, | A. H. Gillanders. |
| Vancouver, No. 8, | A. J. Mould, H. H. Davis. |
| Tatnai, No. 9, | V. D. Curry. |

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| Western Star, No. 10, | T. Ward, J. B. Jopson. |
| Union, No. 11, | R. Cessford, W. Anthony. |
| Selkirk, No. 12, | A. Woodhouse, J. H. Stirrett. |
| Royal City, No. 13, | H. F. Clinton, H. T. Kirk. |
| Acme, No 14, | M. Henderson. |
| Cloverdale, No. 15, | J. W. McCallum, W. Murray. |
| Kootenay, No, 16, | W. Hodson, J. F. Hume. |
| Duncan, No, 17, | A. C. Aitken, W. Dingwall. |
| Vernon Valley, No. 18, | F. B. Jacques. |
| Mount Pleasant, No. 19, | I. W. Mills. |
| Centennial, No. 20, | W. J. Marshall, E. G. Pannell. |
| Delta, No. 21. | D. B. Grant, W. B. Skinner, J. E. Gilmore. |
| Gold Range, No. 22, | J. Z. Choate, P. Wade. |
| Ashcroft, No. 23, | I. Lehman, W. Fearn. |
| Island. No. 24, | I. McLaren, G. W. Shay. |
| Revelstoke, No. 25, | W. J. Lee. |
| Pacifc, No. 26, | G. L. Center, A. Mackenzie. |
| Amity, No, 27, | Robt. May. |
| Cheam, No. 28, | D. Galbraith. |
| Perseverance, No. 29, | C. H. Rummings. |
| Friendship, No. 30, | F. G. Peto. |
| Banner, No. 31, | J. J. McDonald. |
| Mission City, No. 32, | R. S. Cunningham. |
| Peerless, No. 33, | T. E. Waller. |

JOS.E.PHILLIPS,
B. W. SHILES,
J. EDW. PHILLIPS. } *Committee on Credentials.*

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the Past Grands in waiting, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following brothers:—

A. Stewart, W. M. Dean, A. Graham, No. 1; R. C. Fawcett, J. Pottinger, No. 2; A. J. Holmes, No. 3; D. Curtis, R. A. Anderson, No. 4; W. Anderson, J. Haggart, No. 7; J. B. Jopson, P. Campbell. No. 10; J. H. Stirrett, No. 12; S. W. Edwards, W. H. Cullin, No. 14; T. R. Patterson, No. 15; W. Hodson, No. 16; A. C. Aitken, No. 17; F. B. Jacques, No. 18; E. G. Pannell, No. 20, W. B. Skinner, No. 21; G. Munroe, No. 23; I. W. McLaren, No. 24; A. McKenzie, G. L. Center, No. 26; R. May, No. 27; A. A. Farwell, No. 28; C. H. Rumm-

ings, No. 29; F. G. Peto, No. 30; J. J. McDonald, No. 31; R. S. Cunningham, No. 32; T. E. Waller, No. 33.

Bro. D. Barclay, P.G. of De Novo Lodge, No. 170, Port Elgin, Ont., was reported in waiting and desirous of visiting the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master appointed J. Crossan, P. G. M., to retire and introduce the brother, which was accordingly done and Bro. Barclay was cordially welcomed.

The Grand Master made the necessary appointments to fill the Standing Committees, which, when completed, consisted as follows :—

FINANCE.—J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., No. 4; A. H. Ferguson, No. 3; A. A. Farwell, No. 28.

APPEALS.—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; W. Hogg, No. 10; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3; W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; W. H. Morton, No. 5.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4; J. Macmillan, No. 14; G. Fowlie, No. 4; C. W. Ross, No. 1.

PETITIONS.—J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5; F. S. Whiteside, No. 20; W. B. Townsend, No. 13; J. J. McDonald, No. 31; A. Henderson, No. 2.

STATE OF THE ORDER—A. Parker, No. 10: A. W. Scoullar, No. 8; J. F. Stainton, No. 21; E. C. Davison, No. 9; G. A. Miller, No. 19; G. Ashwell, No. 7.

LEGISLATION.—W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; J. Callin, No. 22; A. McKenzie, No. 26; W. Hodson, No. 16; G. Munroe, No. 23.

JUDICIARY.—J. H. Meldram, P. G. M., No. 2; A. G. Day, No. 1; A. Miller, No. 8.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—H. B. Gilmour, No. 10; R. Rivers, No. 5; W. H. Gardiner, No. 13; J. H. Stirrett, No. 12; W. E. Townsend, No. 3.

The Grand Master read his report.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 12, 1895.

*To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.OF.:*

GRAND OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND BRETHREN.—For the Twenty-first time we are permitted by an All-Wise Father to assemble together to review the labors of the past year and to endeavour to legislate for the

best interests of our Order. Our first duty is to give thanks to Him who has crowned our efforts with such great success.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

I am pleased to say that the past year has shown the greatest advancement, both numerically and financially that we have ever experienced in this Jurisdiction.

NEW LODGES

Since our last Session, Eleven Subordinate and One Rebekah Lodge have been added to the Roll. I have therefore much pleasure in asking that Charters for same be granted.

*Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25*, Revelstoke, instituted on March 2nd, 1894, by D. D. G.M. Bro. J.H.Stirrett, of Donald, assisted by Brothers from the surrounding District.

*Pacific Lodge, No. 26*, Vancouver, instituted on March 5th, 1894, by the Grand Master, assisted by several Past Grands from the City Lodges.

*Amity Lodge, No. 27*, New Westminster, instituted on April 30th, 1894, by the Grand Master, assisted by Bro. B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., and D. Welsh, G. T., and several Past Grands from the City Lodges.

*Cheam Lodge, No. 28*, Agassiz, instituted on May 11th, 1894, by the Grand Master, assisted by Bro. D.Welsh, G. T., and several Past Grands from the surrounding District.

*Perseverance Lodge, No. 29*, Northfield, instituted on June 18th, 1894, by the Grand Master, assisted by Bro. J. Crossan, P. G. M., Bro. A. H. Blackeby, Grand Patriarch of Ontario, and other Past Grands.

*Friendship Lodge, No. 30*, Nanaimo, instituted on June 19th, 1894, by the Grand Master, assisted by Bro. J. Crossan, P. G. M., Bro. A.H. Blackeby, Grand Patriarch of Ontario, and several Past Grands from the City Lodges.

*Banner Lodge, No. 31*, Wellington, instituted on Aug 1st, 1894, by Bro. D. Welsh, Grand Treasurer, assisted by Bro. J. Crossan, P. G. M., and Past Grands from the surrounding District.

*Mission City Lodge, No. 32*, Mission, instituted on Aug. 24th, 1894, by Bro. D. Welsh, G. T. assisted by Past Grands from New Westminster.

*Peerless Lodge, No. 33*, Victoria, instituted Sep. 14th, 1894, by Bro. W. E. Holmes, D. G. M. assisted by several Past Grands from City Lodges.

*Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34*, Golden, instituted on March 2nd, 1895, by Bro. J.H.Stirrett, D. D. G. M., of Donald, assisted by several Past Grands from Revelstoke and Donald.

*Cedar Lodge, No. 35*, Cedar District, instituted March 21st, 1895, by

the Grand Master, assisted by Bro. J. Crossan, P. G. M., E. Quennell, P. G. M., D. Welsh, G. T., and several others from surrounding District.

REBEKAH LODGES

*Bethel Lodge No. 7*, Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, instituted on March 12th, 1895, by the Grand Master, assisted by Bros. P. J. Foulds, G. W., D. Welsh, G. T., and several others from the City Lodges.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Since last session, I have endeavored to visit as many Lodges as I possibly could, and, when I had the pleasure of meeting the Brethren I was always received with the greatest cordiality, and invariably found the Lodges in a healthy condition, especially when the floor work was introduced.

On November 8th, 1894, in company with Bro. A.W. Scoullar, Grand Representative, I visited a joint meeting of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, Royal City Lodge, No. 13, and Amity Lodge, No. 27, New Westminster. There was a good attendance, and Bro. Scoullar explained the several changes that were made during the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Oddfellowship in the Royal City is in a flourishing condition.

On December 1st, 1894, accompanied by Grand Representative Scoullar, I visited a joint meeting of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5., Centennial Lodge, No. 20, and Friendship Lodge, No. 30, Nanaimo. The Lodges here, are also in good shape, both financially and numerically. Bro. Scoullar explained the changes in the secret Work made at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

On February 19th, 1895, I visited Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, Northfield. This Lodge is having rather up-hill work on account of the mines closing down; however, they are determined to stick to the old boat until times improve, when they expect to do good work for Oddfellowship.

On February 19th, 1895, I visited Banner Lodge, No. 31, Wellington. This Lodge is composed mostly of young men. I predict for it, a bright future.

On February 21, 1895, I visited Friendship Lodge, No. 30, Nanaimo. This Lodge is not making the progress I think it should, on account, I understand, of the Officers not attending and taking an interest in the working of the Lodge, and I would earnestly recommend Lodges when choosing their Officers, to elect their best men and those only who are likely to attend the meetings.

On March 18th, 1895, I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 6, Wellington. This Lodge, financially, is one of the strongest in the Province and is doing good work otherwise.

On March 19th, 1895, I visited Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, Northfield, for the second time, and found everything going along smoothly.

On March 20th, 1895, I visited Banner Lodge, No. 31, Wellington, also, for the second time, and found everything in good shape.

On May 2nd, 1895, I visited Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack. Although this Lodge had the misfortune to loose its hall and paraphernalia by fire, I am pleased to state that they are in good shape both financially and numerically, and contemplate building again in the near future. I also had the pleasure of meeting the members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, after the Subordinate Lodge adjourned. The Orangemen's night of meeting conflicting with theirs, they had to postpone their regular meeting and I could not meet them in session as I intended; however, I am pleased to state that they are getting along splendidly and are increasing in membership.

On May 15th, 1895, I visited Western Star Lodge, No. 10, Vancouver. This being my own Lodge, I was very much pleased to witness the team confer the Second Degree on a member of Pacific Lodge, No. 26, which they did in good style.

On May 21st, 1895, accompanied by Grand Representative Bro. A. W. Scoullar, I visited Pacific Lodge, No. 26, Vancouver. This Lodge was instituted on March 5th, 1894, and now has two hundred and sixty members, being the "banner" Lodge of the Province numerically, with as substantial sum in the Treasury. We had the pleasure of seeing the Initiatory Degree conferred on two candidates in "number one" style. They are proud of their team work and encourage it, believing that it keeps up the interest in the work and increases the attendance.

On May 22nd, 1895, I visited Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, Vancouver. During the evening I witnessed the Degree Team perform the beautified floor work. This Lodge is increasing in membership very fast, and I feel satisfied that under the able captaincy of Bro. D. Menzies it will be the "banner Lodge" of the Province before another year.

On May 29th, 1895, I visited Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, Kamloops. This Lodge is also in good shape and is doing a good work.

On May 31st, 1895, I visited Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, North Bend. This Lodge is in good shape financially and otherwise.

On June 1st, 1895, I visited Cheam Lodge, No. 28, Agassiz. This Lodge has a Hall of its own and is almost out of debt. They also have the work up very good.

On June 8th, 1895, I visited Mission City Lodge, No. 32, Mission. This Lodge has a very comfortable place of meeting, but in common with other agricultural districts, have suffered from the prevailing depression; however, they are hopeful that during the coming year they will considerably increase their membership.

This Lodge has experienced the same trouble that Mount Pleasant Lodge did at its Institution, viz.: the Lodge which Initiated and conferred the Degrees on the applicants for the Charter neglected to retain the amount collected for Initiation, etc., until the Lodge was Instituted but returned it to the brothers, who, when their Lodge was Instituted, paid in $5.00 only instead of $10.00 as laid down by our Grand Lodge Constitution. I am pleased to say that after carefully explaining the matter to them they agreed to pay in the balance. I would earnestly recommend Lodges in future, when conferring the Degrees on candidates for the purpose of starting a new Lodge, to retain the money collected for Initiation, etc., until the Lodge has been Instituted, and thereby avoid any misunderstanding.

INSURANCE

Immediately after assuming the duty of Grand Master I endeavoured to introduce our Local Insurance Association to every Brother I came across and succeeded in getting a few to join us, but I found out subsequently when explaining our standing to business men that they would have nothing to do with it.

Sometime in March, 1894, I received a communication from R. Meek, Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, for information with reference to a letter he had sent to the Grand Secretary previous to our last Session, requesting permission to do business in this Jurisdiction. I wrote him that the Grand Lodge had simply received and filed his application. On April 22nd, I received another letter from Mr. Meek, calling my attention to the Legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the session of 1892, which states that Executive Officers have no option in the matter but must grant licenses to Odd Fellows' Insurance Associations making application therefor, they having complied with the requirements of the law. Previous to the above I have corresponded with the Grand Secretary, Bro Davey on the subject, who contended that it would be illegal for them to do business without first receiving our Grand Lodge's permission. However, after looking up the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of 1892, we came to the conclusion that we had to grant them the certificate as requested, so after receiving another application and the requisite fee, we forwarded them the same.

In the early part of June, 1894, A. H. Blackeby, Superintendent of Agencies of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, arrived in Vancouver, and called on me to see what could be done with a view to the amalgamation of the two Associations. I informed him that I was not a member of the local Association except by virtue of my office as Grand Master, and at his request accompanied him to Victoria to meet the Executive Officers and ascertain their views on this matter. We first proceeded to the Grand Secretary's residence, and after a long talk with Bro. Davey he gave us to understand that if an amicable arrangement

could be made he would like to see them amalgamated. We then interviewed the President, Bro. Phillips. Although at first he seemed to be opposed to the amalgamation, but after hearing Mr. Blackeby's statement of the standing of his Association, he, (Bro. Phillips) was also of the opinion that it would be better for all concerned if we could arrange matters. The Vice President, Bro. Day, also after going into the proposition expressed his opinion that it would certainly be better to have one Association only for the whole Dominion of Canada. A meeting was then called when the proposition was thoroughly discussed and all were of the opinion that if matters could be arranged satisfactorily they would like to see an amalgamation take place. Mr. Blackeby then wired his Head Office to see on what terms they would take our members in. Their reply, I understand, was not satisfactory and the matter was dropped for the time being. Bro. Blackeby returned East with the intention of bringing the proposition before the General Meeting of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association, which would take place at the City of Kingston on August 7th, 1894. On July 10th, I started for Ottawa where I remained for some time. A few days previous to the meeting I received a telegram from Mr. Meek, the Secretary of the Association, inviting me to attend the meeting, which I did, and was appointed one of a committee of four to report on the advisibility of amalgamating with the British Columbia Association, and also on what terms the same should be consummated. Our report might be summed up as follows: We recommend that the O. R. A. of Canada accept the members of the B. C. Association without a medical examination, and give each member a Policy in the O. R. A. of Canada for one thousand dollars. The B. C. Association to cease doing business and turn over all assets to the O. R. A.

This report came before the General Meeting, and after a long discussion was laid over for one year, in the meantime, the Executive Officers were instructed to correspond with our Association and ascertain our views and report at the next general meeting. I have received several communications lately from the Secretary of the O. R. A. stating that the Secretary of our local Association declines to answer his letters, for reasons, no doubt, he will be able to explain.

I would earnestly recommend the local Association to endeavour in every possible way to bring about an amalgamation. A great many of our members are of the same opinion as myself, that is, that it is almost an impossibility to make a success of any local Insurance Association especially in a district so extensive as ours with Lodges so far apart and travelling expenses so high.

DECISIONS.

1. *Ques.*—Can a minister of the gospel be admitted to a Lodge free of charge?

*Ans.*—No, unless provision is made for the same in your Constitution. (Sec. 371, W. D., 1889.)

2. *Ques.*—When are changes made by the Grand Lodge in Subordinate Constitutions in force ?

*Ans.*—Immediately after their adoption by said Grand Lodge.

3. *Ques.*—Can you rent an Odd Fellow's Hall to other Societies, providing it has been dedicated ?

*Ans.*—Yes.

4. *Ques.*—Is it necessary to dedicate an Odd Fellow's Hall ?

*Ans.*—No.

5. *Ques.*—Is it legal to confer Degrees on more than one candidate at the same time ?

*Ans.*—It depends altogether which Degree you wish to confer.

6. *Ques.*—Can a Lodge refund a clergyman money paid for Initiation and Degrees ?

*Ans.*—No.

7. *Ques.*—How do you construe the clause in our By-laws which reads as follows: "Brothers must be sick seven days to receive benefits, and no brother shall be entitled to benefits until he has been a member for six months." ?

*Ans.*—If a member is sick six days he receives no benefits, but if sick seven days or longer, he is entitled to benefits from the commencement of his sickness, providing always, that he has been a member six months.

8. *Ques.*—Can a Lodge elect a Brother to an office, he not being present at the time ?

*Ans.*—Yes, providing he accepts the nomination.

9. *Ques.*—The N.G. being absent and there being Degrees to confer, the V. G. called a Past Grand to preside (who was in arrears for dues). After conferring Degrees, he still retained the Chair while the election of officers was going on. Was the election legal ?

*Ans.*—Yes, providing no objection was made at the time to the Past Grand taking the chair.

10. *Ques.*—Is it within the jurisdiction of a Lodge to prefer a charge against a brother for receiving monies from another brother under false pretences and then leaving the country ?

*Ans.*—Yes.

11. *Ques.*—Is frequenting houses of ill-fame "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow." ?

*Ans.*—Yes.

12. *Ques.*—Is it necessary to notify Lodges of Brothers suspended for non-payment of dues?

*Ans.*—No.

13. *Ques.*—Is a brother entitled to sick benefits at the expiration of six months from night of joining a Lodge providing sickness commenced some time before said six months had expired? (the By-laws read as follows: "a Brother must be a member six months before he is entitled to benefits.")

*Ans.*—Yes, providing he was in good standing.

14. *Ques.*—Is it allowable to print Funeral Services in back of By-laws?

*Ans.*—No.

15. *Ques.*—Can you prefer charges against two Brothers jointly?

*Ans.*—No, you must make separate charges.

16. *Ques.*—In case of a confliction between our Constitution and White's Digest, which are we to be governed by? particular reference being made to section 1590, W. D., 1889.

*Ans.*—In this case you are to be governed by your own Constitution

17. *Ques*—Is it a violation of our obligation to use a guide to the Unwritten Work?

*Ans.*—Yes.

18. *Ques.*—Providing the whole amount of a Funeral benefit is not expended in burying a Brother, have his relatives any claim on the Lodge for the balance, he not having any person depending upon him neither was he depending upon any person else at the time of his death?

*Ans.*—No.

19. *Ques.*—Can a Noble Grand refuse to admit a Brother to his Lodge, he being in arrears for dues?

*Ans.*—No, unless he has been suspended.

20. *Ques.*—Can a Brother hold the office of D. D. G. M. and Noble Grand at the same time?

*Ans.*—Yes.

21. *Ques.*—Can a rejected applicant be balloted on for the second time inside of a year?

*Ans.*—No, except on a reconsideration within the specified time.

22. *Ques.*—Is it legal for a D. D. G. M. of a Rebekah Lodge to be obliged to receive the Term Password through the D. D. G. M. of a Sub-

ordinate Lodge, the said D. D. G. M. not being a member of a Rebekah Lodge ?

*Ans.*—Yes.

APPEALS

On April 18th, 1894, I received through the Grand Secretary from the Sovereign Grand Lodge all papers in connection with the Appeal of Bro. D.Green, of Dominion Lodge, No, 4., Victoria, all of which I forwarded to P. G. M. Bro. Shiles, Chairman of the above committee.

On January 7th, 1895, I received an appeal from J. H. Matheson a Past Grand of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, Nelson, against the decision of the above Lodge in connection with the election of Officers on December 7th, 1894; to wit, At the above meeting, the Noble Grand was absent and there being degrees to confer the Vice Grand requested a Past Grand to take the chair—which he did—and after conferring the Degree he still retained the chair while the election of Officers was going on. The said Past Grand was in arrears for dues at time. The Lodge decided that the election was legal. Bro. Matheson contended that the fact of the Past Grand being in arrears would invalidate the election, and therefore appealed to the Grand Master. After receiving a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the above date and finding that no objection was made at the time to the Past Grand taking the chair, I decided that the Officers were legally elected and *dismissed* the Appeal accordingly.

PERMISSIONS GRANTED

February 19th, 1894, to Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, to hold a ball in the the name of the Order.

February 22nd 1894, to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to receive application, ballot for, Initate and confer the Three Degrees the same night for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge.

February 23rd, 1894, to Delta Lodge, No. 21, to hold a ball in the name of the Order and wear regalia.

March 29, 1894, to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to confer the First Degree upon a member the same night that he was initiated.

April 4th, 1894, to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to receive application for membership, ballot for, Initiate and confer the Three Degrees the same night for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge.

April 23rd, 1894, to Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19, to hold an excursion in the name of the Order and wear regalia.

April 23rd, 1894, to Victoria Lodge, No, 1; Columbia Lodge, No. 2; Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and Acme Lodge, No. 14, to hold a celebration and ball in the name of the Order and wear regalia.

April 28th, 1894, to Celebration Committee, Victoria, to take up a

collection at the Opera House, the said monies collected to form a nucleus towards building an Odd Fellow's Home at some future day.

May 14th, 1894, to Black Diamond Lodge, No 5, to receive applications for membership, ballot for, Initiate and confer the Three Degrees the same night for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge.

May 15th, 1894, to Duncans Lodge, No. 17, to hold a picnic in the name of the Order and wear regalia.

May 21st, 1894, to Cheam Lodge, No. 28, to Initiate and confer the Three Degrees the same night.

May 28th, 1894, to Harmony Lodge, No. 6, to appear in regalia for the purpose of having members and hall photographed.

June 24th, 1894, to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to hold a ball in the name of the Order and wear regalia.

October 22nd, 1894, to Cheam Lodge, No. 28, to hold a ball on December 7th in the name of the Order and wear regalia.

November 21st, 1894, to Mission City Lodge, No. 32, to hold a ball in the name of the Order and wear regalia on December 12th.

November 25th, 1894, to Island Lodge, No. 24, to elect a scarlet degree member to the chair of Noble Grand, all other qualified Brothers refusing to act.

November 30, 1894, to Duncans Lodge, No. 17, to hold a public dedication of hall on December 14th.

December 7th, 1894, to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to hold meetings until duplicate Charter arrives, original being destroyed by fire.

December 17th, 1894, to Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, to hold a public installation of Officers.

December 20th, 1894, to Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, to hold meetings until they receive a duplicate Charter, original being destroyed by fire.

December 27th, 1894, to Peerless Lodge, No. 33, to hold an entertainment in the name of the Order.

January 4th, 1895, to Cheam Lodge, No 28, to hold a public installation of Officers.

January 11th, 1895, to Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, to hold two entertainments in the name of the Order during March and April.

March 9th, 1895, to Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a public dedication of their Hall

April 10th, 1895, to Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold a ball in the name of the Order on May 3rd.

April 10th, 1895, to Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a social dance in the name of the Order on April 26th.

May 7th, 1895, to Bethel Rebekah Lodge, No 7, to hold an entertainment in the name of the Order on May 15th.

May 7th, 1895, to Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No.4, to hold an excursion on May 24th in the name of the Order.

May 7th, 1895, to Excelsior Lodge, No.7, to hold an excursion on May 24th in the name of the Order.

May 10th,1895, tc Kootenay Lodge No. 16, to hold an excursion on May 24th in the name of the Order.

May 10th, 1895, to Selkirk Lodge, No.12, to hold a ball in the name of the Order and wear regalia.

May 16th, 1895, to Harmony Lodge, No. 6, to appear in regalia for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

May 16th, 1895, to Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, to appear in regalia for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

SPECIAL PERMISSIONS.

April 23rd, 1894, I received a communication from the Secretary of Island Lodge, No. 24, Eburne, requesting permission to appeal to the Lodges in this Jurisdiction for assistance for the purpose of building a Hall. Knowing the situation of the above Lodge, and realizing the great need they had of a suitable place to meet in, I granted their request, and I feel satisfied that the members of those Lodges who so liberally subscribed, could they see the neat and comfortable Hall that has been erected they would consider their money well spent.

The following Lodges subscribed in answer to the appeal:—

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| Columbia Lodge, No. 2 | $50.00 |
| Amity Lodge, No, 27 | 25.00 |
| Excelsior Lodge, No. 7 | 25.00 |
| Pacific Lodge, No. 26 | 15.00 |
| Duncans Lodge, No. 17 | 15.50 |
| New Westminster Lodge, No. 3 | 10.00 |
| Centennial Lodge, No. 20 | 10.00 |
| Western Star Lodge, No. 10 | 10.00 |
| Victoria Lodge, No. 1 | 10.00 |
| Harmony Lodge, No. 6 | 10.00 |
| Total | $180.50 |

PERMISSIONS REFUSED.

On May 21st, 1894, refused Cheam Lodge, No. 28, permission to hold meetings every alternate week.

On June 1st, 1895, refused the Grand Lodge of Wyoming permission to solicit aid from the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction for the purpose of building a Hall destroyed by fire on March 14th last.

COMPLAINTS.

I received a communication from the Grand Secretary of Manitoba in reference to Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, in this Province, refusing to pay one Bro. Geo. Smith, a member of that Lodge, benefits. Said Bro. Smith, was under the care of the Relief Board of Winnipeg for some time, they paying him his benefits as requested. Leaving there, he went to his home somewhere in Quebec, and North Star Lodge, No. 48, Cambleton, N. B. being the nearest Lodge (I persume) he made application to them for his benefits, which they refused, believing him not to be entitled to them, he immediately wrote Bro. Shanks the Grand Secretary of Manitoba, who was also Secretary of the Relief Board in Winnipeg, informing him of the action of above Lodge. Bro. Shanks wrote me as above and requested me to look into the case. After receiving his letter, I wrote North Star, also Vernon Valley Lodges for an explanation, some time after, I received their reply. Vernon Valley Lodge left the whole affair in the hands of North Star Lodge and instructed them to pay the Brother if he was entitled to benefits. The members of North Star Lodge, after examining into the case, were of the unanimous opinion that the Brother was not entitled, and so informed him. After receiving several communications in connection with the above complaint, I came to the conclusion that North Star Lodge, No. 48, Cambleton, N. B. was the only party in a position to judge whether the Brother was entitled to benefits or not, and so informed the Grand Secretary of Manitoba.

ANNIVERSARY.

I issued the usual Anniversary Proclamations both for 1894 and 1895.

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

In accordance with the requirements of the standing resolutions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I issued the usual Proclamations for the years 1894 and 1895.

FIRES.

Since our last session, Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack, had the misfortune to lose its hall by fire.

Ruth Rebekah Lodge also suffered by losing its charter and regalia. I would therefore recommend that duplicate charters be granted the above Lodges free of charge.

NEW DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

On June 20th, 1894, I appointed Bro. A. A. Farwell, P. G., D. D. G. M., for District No. 17, comprising Lodge No. 28.

Bro. W. E. Holmes, Acting Grand Master, appointed D. Welsh, G. T., D. D. G. M. for District No. 18 comprising Lodge No. 32.

CHANGE OF D. D. G. MASTERS.

Since our last session several District Deputies have resigned and others have been appointed in their places. The following resignations have been accepted:—

Louis Mounce, D. D. G. M., for District No. 4; Bro. H. Mitchell appointed, who also resigned when D. Haggart was appointed. G. W. Aldous, D. D. G. M., for District No. 11; Bro. E. C. Arthur appointed.

THE REBEKAHS.

This branch of our Order has made very good progress during the past year. One new Lodge has been added to our number, and I am pleased to state that Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, which had not held a meeting for quite a while previous to our last session is now in a flourishing condition.

NEW LODGES AND THEIR DISTRICTS.

I placed the new Lodges in the following districts:—

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| Revelstoke | Lodge, | No. | 25, Revelstoke, | District | No. | 9. |
| Pacific | " | " | 26, Vancouver, | " | " | 6. |
| Amity | " | " | 27, Westminster, | " | " | 2. |
| Cheam | " | " | 28, Agassiz, | " | " | 17. |
| Perseverance | " | " | 29, Northfield, | " | " | 4. |
| Friendship | " | " | 30, Nanaimo, | " | " | 3. |
| Banner | " | " | 31, Wellington, | " | " | 4. |
| Mission City | " | " | 32, Mission, | " | " | 18. |
| Peerless | " | " | 33, Victoria, | " | " | 1. |
| Rocky Mountain | " | " | 34, Golden, | " | " | 9. |
| Cedar | " | " | 35, Cedar District, | " | " | 3. |

INSTALLATIONS.

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| March 5th, | 1894, | I installed the Officers of | | Pacific | Lodge, | No. 26. |
| April 30th | " | " | " | Amity | " | No. 27. |
| May 11th | " | " | " | Cheam | " | No. 28. |
| June 18th | " | " | " | Perseverance | | No. 29. |
| June 19th | " | " | " | Friendship | | No. 30. |
| Jan. 4th, | 1895 | " | " | Mt. Pleasant | | No. 19. |
| Jan. 7th | " | " | " | Pacific | Lodge, | No. 26. |
| Jan. 8th | " | " | " | Island | " | No. 24. |
| Jan. 11th | " | " | " | Cloverdale | | No. 15. |
| March 31st | " | " | " | Cedar | Lodge, | No. 35. |

DEDICATIONS.

March 25th, 1895, assisted by Grand Representative Bro. Scoullar, Bro. T. F. Neelands, Grand Marshal, and Past Grands Wallace, Davis,

Jopson, Mackenzie and Rev. Buchanan, I duly dedicated the new hall of Island Lodge, No. 24.

On May 30th, 1895, assisted by several Past Grands from surrounding District, I duly dedicated the hall of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

IN MEMORIAM.

Since our last session several of the Brethren of our Order have passed away to join the Grand Lodge above and among them one who was an enthusiastic and honored member of our Organization. I refer to Bro. Robert Scott, P. D. G. M., a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 6, Wellington, B. C., who died on the 19th day of April, 1894.

I am sure you will all join with me in extending to the families of our deceased Brothers our expressions of sympathy in their great bereavement.

Attached are the reports of my Deputy Grand Masters.

CONCLUSION.

I have endeavoured by the closest possible application to the duties of the Office of Grand Master to show my appreciation of the high and distinguished honor you have conferred upon me. Any error has been committed I assure you it was unintentional. N[illegible] a Lodge or member did I knowingly wrong. The responsibilities of the Office are many and great. I shall always retain a vivid recollection of the many pleasant incidents and high honors, that I, through your kind indulgence, have been the recipient, and I shall always be zealous and assiduous for the advancement of our noble Order.

Brethren, before closing my report I desire to thank all those who so kindly assisted me at the Institution of New Lodges and also at the Dedication of new halls. Trusting that my successor may have the kind assistance that the Brethren have always shown me, I bid you one and all, an Official Adieu.

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS COOK GRAY,
Grand Master.

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VICTORIA, B. C., June 3rd, 1895.

*Thos. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of B. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in presenting my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 1, from February, 1894, to date.

February 20th, 1894, received my commission as D. D. G. M. from Grand Secretary, Bro. Davey, and acknowledged the same.

DISPENSATIONS.

March 17th, 1894, received an application from Acme Lodge, No. 14, for a dispensation to permit it to confer the three degrees on Bro. Billingsby, in less than four weeks.

I granted the dispensation, the new law permitting them to do so without a dispensation not yet being published and to save delay to the Brother.

March 24th, 1894, received an application from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for a dispensation to permit it to confer the three degrees of the Order on Bro. A. W. Roland, in less time than four weeks, the Brother being about to leave the City. The Secretary adding: "I make this application as we have received no official information regarding the law passed in the Grand Lodge last session regarding this matter."

I did not grant this dispensation but quoted the amendment to the constitution of subordinates bearing on this point and ruled that it became law from the time of its adoption by the Grand Lodge.

May 22nd, 1894, received an application from Victoria Lodge, No. 1, for a dispensation to permit it to elect to the office of Noble Grand, a scarlet degree member Bro. A. Stewart, all the other qualified members declining to serve.

I granted the dispensation.

INSTALLATIONS.

June 5th, 1894, Installed the Officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

June 9th, 1894, Installed the Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

June 11th, 1894, Installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, Bro. H. Waller, P. G. M., on my request kindly performing the part installing the Treasurer to which office I had been elected by the Lodge.

June 16th, 1894, Installed the Officers of Acme Lodge, No. 14.

September 14th, 1894, assisted in instituting Peerless Lodge.

October 19th, 1894, Installed the Per. Sec. of Peerless Lodge, No. 33, that office having become vacant by resignation the incumbent being also Rec. Sec.

January 2nd, 1895, Deputed Bro. H. Waller P. G. M., to install the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2. It being inconvenient for me to do so on account of being elected Treasurer of this Lodge.

January 3rd, 1895, Installed the Officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

January 7th, 1895, Installed the Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1. On this occasion Bro. Phillips, P. G. M., acting as Grand Marshal, reported the Vice and Noble Grand elect as not thoroughly conversant with the charges and work of their respective offices and asked for

instructions and before I proceeded with the installation a resolution "that the officers be installed this evening" was unanimously passed by the Lodge. I then ordered the Grand Marshal to bring in the officers elect and after pointing out to them the importance of knowing their charges and work, and they having promised me that they would perfect themselves in the same, I proceeded with the installation.

January 11th, 1895, Installed the Officers of Peerless Lodge, No 33, assisted by Bro. Holmes, Dep. G. M., acting Grand Warden. There was a splendid attendance the large hall being filled and great interest manifested in the ceremonies.

January 14th, 1895, Installed the Officers of Acme Lodge, No. 14.

February 27th, 1895, Installed the R. S. N. G. of Columbia Lodge, the incumbent having resigned to leave the City.

I wish to express my pleasure at the willing assistance rendered me by Past Grands during the installations and cannot refrain from praising Bro. J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., of No. 4, for the very strict and conscientious manner in which he fulfilled the duties of Grand Marshal, which important office he was kind enough to take at nearly all the installations.

DECISIONS.

Sept. 10th, 1894, received the following communication from Acme Lodge, No. 14, through its Secretary.

"I have been instructed by Acme Lodge, to ask for your decision on the law as to whether the Lodge can grant a withdrawal card without applying personally or a written application under his own signature."

My reply was as follows:—

White's Digest, page 53, Section 185, reads as follows: "It is competent for a State Grand Lodge, to prescribe by law that all applications for visiting or withdrawal cards must be in person or in writing." The Grand Lodge of B. C., has not made use of this power in the constitution it has given to Subordinate Lodges, but leaves the manner in which application shall be made an open question, for it directs in Art. XI, Sec. 1., of Con. of Sub's. that "withdrawal cards may be granted to members," etc., etc., "when application is made." The By-laws of Acme Lodge, in Article VI, Sec. 1., do not further define the mode of application, but refer to Art. II. (should be Art. XI) Sec. 1. of the Constitution.

It seems therefore reasonable that any bona fide application either by the applicant in person or in writing or by him through a Brother in open Lodge, may be acted upon and the card granted legally by the Lodge, if in other respects the law governing applications for cards has been complied with, and I rule accordingly.

March 23rd, 1895, received the following question from Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

"Is a member entitled to benefits after he has been a member for six months who was taken sick previous to the expiration of the six months?"

My reply was as follows:—

According to Art. XX, Sec. 1., of the By-laws of Peerless Lodge, a Brother cannot receive benefits until he has been a member for six months, but it does not stipulate that the Brother must be well those six months in order to be entitled to benefits at the expiration of that time. Therefore, a Brother taken sick previous to the expiration of the six months and in good standing at the time he was taken sick and still in good standing at the end of the six months, will be entitled to receive benefits from and after that period.

May 10th, 1895, received the following communication from Peerless Lodge, No. 33:—

"Whereas, a brother has been paid several weeks benefits by this Lodge, and his medical examiner ordered him off the sick list when six days of the next week had expired, and whereas eight dollars and fifty cents ($8.50) was voted for said six days, and whereas the question has arisen: can this Lodge, in accordance with its By-laws, pay a portion of a weeks benefits. Therefore, be it resolved, that the question as to the legality of paying said portion of a weeks benefits be referred to the D. D. G. M. for his decision."

My response to the above was as follows:—

In answer to your communication respecting my decision whether your Lodge can legally pay a portion of a weeks benefits to a brother, I wish to state that I have carefully looked into your By-laws regarding the matter and have come to the conclusion that it is not in accordance with the spirit and intent of Art. XX, Sec. 1, to pay benefits for a fraction of a week as no amounts are stated for less than a week, and more than that, the amounts stated as weekly benefits under the various conditions are practically indivisible by seven and would cause an endless amount of trouble and even loss in paying such fractional amounts, The second part of Sec. 1 clearly defines the week as seven days, and although a Subordinate Lodge has the right to provide by By-law for payment of sick benefits for a fraction of a week it is not the general usage of the Order. See White's Digest, Sec. XX, page 11.

My decision is, therefore, that a motion in your Lodge to pay benefits for a portion of a week or less than seven days, is illegal and should have been so declared by the Noble Grand.

In concluding my report, I wish to state, that a great many ques-

tions of minor importance have been verbally asked me by the officers of the various Lodges, and I have, in all cases, endeavored to give them the required information, but did not deem it necessary to report them, not being under the seal of the Lodge.

It has been a pleasure to me to see Oddfellowship progress in this District, and though the older Lodges have perhaps lost numerically, it has been more than made up by the membership of the new Lodge—Peerless, No. 33—and financially, they are all in a good condition.

My duties as D. D. G. M. have been made pleasant by the kind and fraternal feeling existing among the Lodges, and the assistance that on all occasions has been extended to me so cheerfully at the installations by Past Grands, for all of which I desire to express my sincere thanks.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

ANTON HENDERSON,
*D.D.G.M. District No. 1.*

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NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., May 27th, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of B. C.*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I herewith submit for your approval my acts as D. D. G. M. for District No. 2.

My first official act was granting permission to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to initiate and confer first, second and third degrees on same evening on Bros F. W. Hughes, Herbert Vallous, A. N. York, R. S. Cunningham, Jas. Kines, Q. McMauriara, H. Windebank, Fred Mills, for the purpose of starting new Lodge at Mission City, B.C.

Sometime after, I had the pleasure of taking part in the institution of Mission City Lodge, and I understand that at the present time they have a prosperous Lodge.

On April 13th the following question was submitted by New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, for my decision:—

"Can the dues of a sick Brother who is in arrears be paid up during his sickness so that in case of death he will be entitled to funeral benefits."

*Answer.*—No. As your By-laws do not provide for funeral benefits, but the widow or dependent relatives would be entitled to the amount provided by your By-laws for funeral expense, if such expense is incurred, see Art., XX, Section 4, and also latter part of Article XVI of your By-laws. I would also refer you to White's Digest, Sections 99 to 103 inclusive.

April 14th, granted permission to Royal City, No. 13, to confer first second and third degrees on Brothers Kilpatrick, Lynn, Fulton, Adams, Chambers, Harper, Calbeck and Hunter in less time than by By-laws prescribed.

July 6th, installed the Officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

On Monday evening, July 16th, installed the N. G., and V. G. of Amity Lodge, No. 27, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of N. G. Gardiner, P. G. which was reported on at once to acting Grand Master Holmes, as there was some irregularity in the elections.

Thursday, July 19th, assisted by Brothers B. W. Shiles, P. G. M.; P. J. Foulds, Grand Warden; D. Welsh, Grand Treasurer; I installed, the Officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13.

January 7th, 1895, assisted by P. G's from the local Lodges, the Officers of Amity Lodge were installed in regular form.

January 10th, installed Officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 13, and on the following evening the Officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

In the recent death of our late Bro. D. M. Cooper, M. D., we are again reminded "that in the midst of life we are in death." Although his friends knew that since the death of his wife—a few weeks previous—he was not in his usual health, yet his very sudden death was a shock to the community.

The writer spent the evening with him at a fraternal gathering, and parted with him but an hour or two before his death.

He was a friend to the poor, ever ready to do a kind deed. There are many in New Westminster who will miss the Doctor's genial and kindly greeting.

In conclusion, considering the depressed financial condition of the Province, for the past year, we have reason to feel proud of the phenomenal growth of the Order, not only in this District, but throughout the jurisdiction.

While Oddfellowship may be the leading benevolent organization of today, we must remember that there are sister organizations much younger pushing us close for these honors. I would impress upon the membership the necessity of more fully putting into practice the grand principles of our Order—friendship love and truth. Brethren, we cannot have too much fraternity.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. McARTHUR,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 2.*

ALEXANDRIA MINE, B. C., 30th May, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F., B. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to your request for my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 3, I beg to inform you that I have been away from Nanaimo most of the year and deputized Bro G. Holdnall, P. G., to perform the duties of the office. He informs me he installed the Officers of the respective Lodges in the District as follows:—

July 4th, 1894, Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

July 9th, 1894, Centennial Lodge, No. 20.

January 3rd, 1895, Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

January 4th, 1895, Friendship Lodge, No. 30.

January 14th, 1895, Centennial Lodge, No. 20.

No questions of importance have been asked during the year.

Yours respectfully,

ROBT GOURLAY,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 3.*

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WELLINGTON, B. C., June 4th, 1895.

*Thos. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honour to submit the report of my official acts since I was appointed D. D. in August of last year for District No. 4, which now comprises Lodges No's 6, 29, 31.

On Jan. 7th, assisted by Past Grands of Harmony Lodge, installed the Officers of that Lodge in their respective places.

On Jan. 8th, assisted by Past Grands of Harmony Lodge, installed the Officers of Perseverance Lodge, No. 29.

On Jan. 18th, assisted by the same Past Grands, installed Banner Lodge Officers. The institution of the two Lodges, "Perseverance" and "Banner" in the past year is the best account I can give of the flourishing state of the Order in this District.

Banner Lodge is a particularly strong and progressive Lodge, and although Perseverance Lodge, through trade contingencies has not progressed as they would have liked, the members are thoroughly imbued with the importance of the work they have taken in hand, and Harmony and Banner Lodges have ably assisted them both financially and with their counsel. Harmony Lodge still flourishes and contains some of the best Odd Fellows on the Coast.

No important questions were submitted to me, but what were satis-

factorily answered by a perusal of similar questions answered in the Digest.

Yours fraternally,

DAVID R. HAGGART,
*D. D. G. M., No. 4.*

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CHILLIWACK, B. C., May 29th, 1895.

*Thos. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in furnishing you with a report of my official acts during my term of office. I cannot give exact dates for the commencement of my term, as we lost all records when our hall was burnt.

July 1st, 1894, installed the Officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7.

Jan. 8 & 15, 1895, installed Officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, except V. G. who was sick and not installed until April, 22nd.

We have not admitted any members since the commencement of 1895.

Jan. 14, 1895, installed the Officers of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4.

Yours in Fraternity, Love and Truth,

JOSEPH BANKS,
*D. D. G. M. District, No. 5.*

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KAMLOOPS, B. C., June 10th, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in submitting the following report of my official acts during my term of office, viz:—

June 18th, 1894, installed the Officers of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, except Treasurer, R. S. V. G. and O. G.

Aug. 12th, 1894, installed Treasurer, R. S. V. G. and O. G.

Nov. 26th, 1894, granted dispensation to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to confer three degrees same evening on Bros. W. J. Jones and H. Armstrong.

Jan. 7th, 1895, installed Officers of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, except R. S. V. G. and L. S. V. G.

Feb. 25th, 1895, installed the R. S. V. G., Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.

April 1st, 1895, installed the L. S. V. G., Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.

June 10th, 1895, granted dispensation to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to confer three degrees same evening on Bro. Hazlehurst.

I am pleased to add that Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, which is the only Lodge in my District, continues to prosper, although the increase in membership is rather slow.

The Lodge now ownes a hall, (with lot 70 x 120) which produces a good rental; also a lot 50 x 120, both on the main street, and without any incumbrance.

I may add that Tatnai Lodge has repeatedly expressed an earnest desire that your Grand Lodge, should hold its session of 1896 at Kamloops, and trust that the efforts of our representative in this direction may be crowned with success.

I feel confident that, should the Grand Lodge see fit to hold their next session here, it will be a material benefit to our Order throughout the interior.

Fraternally yours

M. J. McIVER,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 7.*

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UNION, B. C., June 5th, 1895

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As your D. D. for District, No. 8, I beg leave to submit the following report:—

July 6th, 1894, assisted by Past Grands Cessford, Mitchell and Anthony installed Officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

January 4th, 1895, assisted by Past Grands Cessford, Anthony and Ennis installed Officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

I have not been called on to decide any questions, therefore my term of office has been pleasant.

While we cannot report very great financial progress during the past term, I am glad to say we are a very live Lodge, and full of hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

ANDREW McKNIGHT,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 8.*

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DONALD, B. C., May 10th, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As you Deputy for District, No. 9, I have the honor to submit the following report:—

March 2nd, 1894, acting under your instructions and assisted by a number of P. G's of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, I instituted Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, and installed its Officers.

July 5th, 1894, installed the Officers of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.

July 19th, 1894, installed the Officers of Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25.

August 30th, 1894, granted dispensation to Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to confer three degrees on Bro. W. J. Williamson in one night.

January 3rd, 1895, installed the Officers of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12.

January 17th, 1895, installed the Officers of Revelstoke Lodge, 25.

March 12th, 1895, guided by your instructions and assisted by P. G's Penzer, McLeod, Mathie, Urquhart, McGinnis, Woodhouse, Harte and Palmer, I instituted Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34, and installed its Officers.

April 25th, 1895, granted dispensation to Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to confer three degrees on Bros. A. E. Kincaid and G. Kemp, in one night on account of their leaving the town.

May 9th, 1895, granted dispensation to Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to confer three degrees on Bro. E. Toombs, in one night on account of his being a non-resident.

I am pleased to report that the three Lodges over which I have had the pleasure of acting, as your Deputy, are all in a healthy condition. Revelstoke, No. 25, has done very good work since their institution although the initiations have not been so numerous as had been anticipated, yet, those who are becoming members will be a credit to the Order. Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34, has made an excellent start and promises to become one of the best in the Province. And last, but not least, Selkirk, No. 12 still keeps adding to its numbers, although weakened considerably by withdrawals to enter Revelstoke and Rocky Mountain Lodges, yet I am pleased to state that its membership is now greater than ever, and is prospering in every way having built a hall at a cost of about $2,500.00 furnished.

Fraternally yours,

J. H. STIRRETT,

*D. D. G. M. District No. 9.*

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CLOVERDALE, B. C., June 8th, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master of I. O. O. F., of B. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit to you the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District, No. 10, for the year last past:—

July 13th, 1894, assisted by Bros. H.T. Thrift, P. G. and J. C. Murphy, P.G., I installed the Officers of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, for the second term of 1894.

Nov. 23rd, 1894, granted to Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, dispensation to elect Bro. Thos. R. Patterson, to the office of N. G., it not appearing on the records that he had served a majority of nights in the term in the chair of V. G.

April 12th, 1895, installed Bro. H. Bose, into the office of Recording Secretary in the place of Bro. J. W. McCallum resigned.

No questions were submitted to me for decision.

Submitted in F. L. and T.,

WM. McDONAGH,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 10.*

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NELSON, B. C,, January, 31st, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to present to you the following report for the year 1894.

On April 30th, 1894, a motion was made in Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, that there be no smoking allowed in the Lodge rooms, when more than a quorum present and was declared carried by the Chair on May the 7th, 1894, the Lodge sustained the decision of the Chair. Brother Jas. Neelands, appealed to me against the decision of the Lodge, on the grounds the motion was out of order, I decided it was in order for the night only on which it was made.

On July 23rd, installed the Officers of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, in due form.

On Monday the 19th November, a question was referred to me asking was it conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow to visit a house of ill-fame, also, an appeal from Bro. J.H. Matheson, against the action of Kootenay Lodge, on the 12th November, that the election of Officers was illegal on the grounds that Bro. Jas. Neelands, acted as N. G. and the Lodge was notified as to him being in arrears which I referred to you along with my resignation as your D. D. I am pleased to report that Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, has made fairly good progress for the past two terms.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. ALDOUS,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 11.*

VERNON, B. C., June 5th, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to present for your consideration the following report of my official acts as your Deputy during my term of office.

On July 3rd, 1894, and on Jan. 8th, 1895, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of Vernon Lodge, No. 18, for their respective terms.

On May 1st, 1894, I granted a dispensation to confer the second and third degrees at one session on Bro. G. Gladwyn.

On March 2nd, 1895, I gave a dispensation to confer the three degrees in one evening on Bros. E. Spragett and D. McLaren, who live at Kettle river about 125 miles distant from this City.

This short report embraces all the actions in which I have been concerned in my official capacity. I may add that despite the long period of financial depression which has been severely felt in this District, our Lodge continues in a satisfactory condition and we have every reason to hope that with the return of better times our membership will be largely increased. During the present year it is probable that at least two new Lodges will be instituted in this District, one at Kettle river and one at Enderby, with the possibility of a third at Kelowna.

It is a matter of regret to our Lodge that you have been unable to pay us an official visit during your term as Grand Master, as we had looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to such an event.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

J. A. McKELVIE,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 12.*

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LADNERS, June 8th, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., G. M., I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours of the 3rd inst. to hand (re. D. D. G. M's report) and in reply would say that I have in my official capacity of D. D. G. M. granted no dispensations nor so far as I am aware have I anything to report excepting the installation of Officers at the commencement of each of the two terms for which I have had the honor to represent you in this District.

I am, Sir,

Fraternally yours,

PAUL E. LADNER,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 14.*

North Bend, B. C., May 25th, 1895.

*T. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F., B. C.:*

Dear Sir and Brother,—My work as D. D. G. M. for District, No. 15, has been small during my term.

July 21st, 1894, granted dispensation to Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, North Bend, to elect a 3rd, degree member to the office of Noble Grand, also to confer the 2nd, and 3rd, on Bro. H. Cancellor on the same evening.

Same date I installed the Officers of Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, into their offices for term commencing July 1st, assisted by Bro. E. Marshallsay of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9., Bro. W. Bearn of Pacific Lodge, No. 26, and Bro. Fleshman of Medicine Hat, N. W. T.

January 19th, 1895, installed the Officers of Gold Range Lodge, No. 22, for term commencing Jan. 1st, 1895, assisted by Bros W. Nelson and H. Cancellor of same Lodge, Bro. Marshallsay of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, and P. G. Bro. Adler of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

JOSEPH CALLIN,
*D.D.G.M. District No. 15.*

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Ashcroft, B. C., 7th June, 1895.

*Thos. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have much pleasure in presenting, for your approval, a report of my official acts, etc., as your deputy, for District No. 16, for the past term:—

March 3rd, 1894, installed I. G., and L. S. S. of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

April 14th, installed R. S. V. G. and Chap., Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

July 7th, installed N. G., V. G., Treasurer, W., I. G., R. S. N. G., and L. S. N. G. of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

Aug. 4th, installed R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and Per. Secretary of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

Nov. 24. Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F., submitted the following question for my official decision, viz.:

*Ques.*—Can a Brother, who has been nominated for an office, be elected to that office if not present in the Lodge room on night of election?

*Ans.*—Yes, if he accepted the nomination.

Jan. 5th, 1895, installed N. G., V. G., Treasurer, Per. Secretary, W., I. G., R. S. N. G,, L. S. N. G., and R. S. V. G., of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

Jan. 26th, installed L. S. V. G. of Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23.

I am pleased to be able to state, that Ashcroft Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and new members constantly coming in; also, that we have been almost entirely free from sickness since my last report in February, 1894. Only one death has occurred, that of Bro. Walter B. Gladwin, one of our best members, and who, at the time of his death held the honored position of Treasurer, and was the Vice Grand elect for next term. We could ill afford to lose him as he was a good Oddfellow and a true Brother.

Although Ashcroft Lodge is young in years and not very strong in membership, still they have achieved a task which probably a good many older and stronger Lodges would shrink from. They have erected and finished a fine two story building, the upper part of which constitutes the Lodge room, etc., and the lower story, a dwelling house, which is all paid for and owned by the Lodge. That is not a bad record, when you take into consideration that they were only instituted on March 30th, 1893, and only number at the present time about forty members.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Fraternally yours,
JOSEPH W. BURR,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 16.*

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AGASSIZ, June 10th, 1895.

*Thos. C. Gray, Esq., Grand Master, G. L. of B. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to submit my report as D. D. of Cheam Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F.

Our Lodge is working in the greatest harmony and enthusiasm. Very many of our officers conduct the work without the use of the ritual.

On January 5th, 1895, I installed the Officers into their respective stations.

On May 25th, our Officers for the remainder of the year 1895 were elected.

All of which I respectfully submit.

Yours fraternally,
A. A. FARWELL, D. D.,
Cheam Lodge, No. 28.

*Resolved,*—That the report be received and referred to a Committee to distribute to the various Committees.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Distribution:—J. Crossan, P. G. M. No. 5, A. W. Scoullar, No. 8, J. Davies, P. G. M. No. 1.

W. E. Holmes, D. G. M. presented and read a report of his duties whilst acting as Grand Master.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 12th, 1895.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—On the 9th July last, I received a communication from Bro. T. C. Gray, G.M., informing me that he was about to leave the Province for about two months, and asking me to attend to the duties during his absence. Finding that communications intended for the Grand Master were opened before reaching me, I deemed it best to officially assume the duties of the office, and on the 16th of August, I issued a circular letter to all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction to that effect, and requesting that all communications pertaining to the office of Grand Master be sent direct to me until further notice.

On the 11th of October, 1894, I received word from the Grand Master that he had returned to Vancouver.

I now beg leave to submit for your consideration a report of my official acts during the period of about three months.

AMITY LODGE, NO. 27.

This Lodge was instituted on 30th April, 1894, consequently on the 30th June, the first officers had not served a majority of nights of a term and should continue in office for the next term. Bro. Gardiner, P.G. who was installed as first N.G. resigned, rendering a fresh election necessary. No other brother of the Lodge was qualified by previous service to fill the office, nor was a dispensation obtained to elect a brother not otherwise qualified. Brothers May and Johnson, were however, elected as N. G. and V. G. respectively and installed by the D. D. G. M., Bro. J. C. McArthur, on the 16th July. On the 18th July, Bro. McArthur, wrote me detailing the circumstances of the case and stating that although fully aware of them at the time, and had warned the Lodge of the illegality of the action, he had installed these brothers in deference to the expressed wish of the Lodge, but he now wished me to investigate the case.

Finding on enquiry from the Lodge, that the facts were as stated by Bro. McArthur, I declared the election of the N. G. and V. G. null and void and directed a fresh election to be held, also granted a dispensation empowering the Lodge to elect Bros. May and Johnson to those offices, in the event of no duly qualified brothers offering. Ascertaining sub-

sequently that there were other candidates for these offices than the brothers named, I revoked this dispensation and issued another empowering the Lodge to elect any Scarlet Degree member.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

To the Lodges in Victoria to hold an excursion in the name of the Order on 28th July, 1894.

To Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15, to publicly dedicate a new hall and celebrate the event with a ball on 10th Aug., 1894.

To Royal City Lodge, No. 13, to hold an excursion in the name of the Order on 14th Aug., 1894.

To the Lodges in Vancouver to hold an excursion on 22nd Aug., 1894.

Authorizing the balloting for and initiation of four candidates for membership on the same night their applications were received, and conferring the degrees in less time than the law allows, for the purpose of enabling them to join with others in the application for a Charter for Peerless Lodge, No. 33. Empowering the balloting for and initiation of candidates for membership in Peerless Lodge, No. 33, on same night their applications were received, also to confer the three degrees in less time than otherwise allowed. Dispensation to remain in force four weeks from date of institution of Lodge.

NEW LODGES.

Dispensations were issued and the following new Lodges instituted.

Banner Lodge, No. 31, at Wellington, instituted by Bro. D. Welsh, Grand Treasurer, assisted by Bro. J. Crossan, P. G. M., and others on 1st Aug., 1894.

Mission City Lodge, No. 32, at Mission City instituted by Bro. D. Welsh, Grand Treasurer.

Peerless Lodge, No. 33, Victoria, on 14th Sept., 1894, instituted by myself assisted by Grand Secretary, Bro. Henderson, D. D. G. M., and others.

COMMISSIONS.

Appointed D. Haggart, P. G. Wellington, as D. D. G. M. for District, No. 4, vice H. Mitchell, P. G. resigned. Also placed Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, and Banner Lodge, No. 31, under the jurisdiction of that official.

Appointed A. A. Farwell, P. G., Agassiz, as D. D. G. M. for District No. 17, comprising Cheam Lodge, No. 28.

Appointed D. Welsh, P. G. Grand Treasurer as D. D. G. M. for District No. 18, consisting of Mission City Lodge, No. 32.

DECISIONS.

A question having been submitted to me by Bro. E. Dickenson, P.

G. and several other members of Acme Lodge, No. 14, as to whether it was legal for that Lodge to pay for Hospital expenses of a brother in addition to the sick benefits, I decided that this was a matter entirely within the discretion of the Lodge.

In answer to a question from Ashcroft Lodge, No. 23, decided that the expenditure of Lodge funds for the purchase of "The Warden," a paper devoted to the interests of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, for distribution to its members, was not illegal.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM EDWARD HOLMES.

*Deputy Grand Master.*

*Resolved*,—That the Report be received and handed to the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Secretary presented and read his report which was also referred to the Committee on Distribution.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 12th June, 1894.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—It again becomes my pleasant duty to submit for your consideration a report of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, on the 31st December last, and to present you with a resume of the principal incidents bearing on the duties of this office since we last met.

From the reports of the Subordinate Lodges to the end of last year it will be seen that in the twelve months then expired, nine new Lodges were instituted and that our membership numbered 3015, being a gain of 861 during the year, equivalent to 40 per cent. Since the commencement of this year two additional Lodges have been instituted and one additional Rebekah Lodge, making at this date, thirty-five Subordinate and seven Rebekah Lodges. This progress, which is the greatest we have experienced in the history of this Grand Lodge, is most gratifying and encouraging.

I have received enquiries from Rossland, B. C., as to the steps necessary to be taken to organize a Lodge of our Order there, and I have reason to expect an application shortly for another Lodge in this city, and it is reasonable to be presumed that as the Province becomes developed and settled, Oddfellowship will extend concurrently, a Lodge of our Order being apparently a necessity in every settlement.

The fee and application for a charter for a Rebekah Lodge at Kamloops was received on 26th March last, but for some reason the Lodge has not yet been instituted.

The following summary of the work of last year is abstracted from the reports of the Subordinate Lodges.

| | | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. of Lodges, 31st Dec., 1894..... | 33 | 11 | .. |
| " " Instituted since..... | 2 | .... | .. |
| " Rebekah Lodges 31st Dec., 1894.... | 6 | 1 | .. |
| " " " Instituted since... | 1 | .... | .. |
| " of members in good standing . .... | 3015 | 861 | .. |
| " " Initiated during the year | 985 | 707 | .. |
| " " Admitted by card ..... | 104 | 65 | .. |
| " " " as A. O..... | 2 | .... | .. |
| " " Reinstated. ..... | 7 | 3 | .. |
| " " Withdrawn ..... | 80 | 65 | .. |
| " " Expelled ..... | 5 | 2 | .. |
| " " Deceased ..... | 14 | 1 | .. |
| " " Resigned ..... | 1 | .... | .. |
| " " Ceased membership N.P.D. | 135 | 43 | .. |
| " Rejected ..... | 46 | 32 | .. |
| " Degrees conferred. ..... | 2,769 | 2,036 | .. |
| " Past Grands..... | 326 | 50 | .. |
| Total Revenue Subordinate Lodges..... | $ 53,798 79 | $11,318 77 | .. |
| No. of Brothers relieved..... . | 285 | 38 | .. |
| " of Widowed families relieved..... | 6 | .... | .. |
| " of Weeks' Sick Benefits paid ... .. | 1,606 | 327 | .. |
| Amount paid for relief of Brothers..... | $ 13,254 47 | $2,803 87 | .. |
| " " Widowed families | 285 00 | .... | $112 00 |
| " " Orphans..... | 60 00 | .... | 85 00 |
| " " burying the dead.... | 1,093 00 | .... | 23 00 |
| " " special relief..... | 544 00 | .... | 230 00 |
| Total amount paid for Relief..... | 15,236 47 | 2,353 87 | .. |
| " " " current expenses | 22,077 36 | 5,965 39 | .. |
| " " of assets..... | 187,616 25 | 9,949 57 | .. |
| Average amount of Benefits paid for each sick member ..... | 46 50 | 4 19 | .. |
| Average amount expended for relief per member..... | 5 05 | .... | 0 93 |
| Average duration of sickness per member | 3dys 17½hrs | | 10½hrs. |
| " " " sick " | 5wks 4½dys | 3¼dys | .. |
| Average cost per member for current expenses..... | 7 32 | .... | .. |
| Total cost per member for all Lodge expenditures..... | 12 37 | .... | .. |
| Average amount of Assets per member. | 62 23 | .... | 20 25 |
| Total amount expended for relief since institution of Grand Lodge in 1874. | 137,798 47 | .... | . |

The finances of the Grand Lodge, as will be seen from the accompanying statement, are in a very satisfactory condition. The Estimate of Receipts has been exceeded by $424.15 for Per Capita Tax and $350 for Charter Fees. The Estimate of Expenditure which was calculated for twelve months only, whereas sixteen months has come into payment, has also been exceeded by $381.22, this includes $150.00 additional for Representative Tax to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for year 1895, and $200, four months salary of Grand Secretary to date. The balance in the Grand Treasurer's hand is $460.69 more than was anticipated.

Whilst on the subject of finance, I would suggest the propriety of a majority of the Committee on Finance being selected in future from the place in which the Grand Secretary resides, in order that the requirements of the law respecting the passing of all Grand Lodge accounts by this Committee prior to payment may be observed, and also that a portion at least, of the examination of the Grand Lodge Books may be performed before the annual session.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## Cash Received and Paid to Grand Treasurer.

| From whom Received. | Tax Term ended 30th June, 1894. | Tax Term ended 31st Dec., 1894. | Supplies. | Charter Fees. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria Lodge, No. 1 | $ 64 00 | $ 55 65 | $ 5 75 | ..... | $ 125 40 |
| Columbia " " 2 | 70 40 | 58 80 | 10 00 | ..... | 139 20 |
| N. Westminster " " 3 | 61 60 | 53 90 | 7 75 | ..... | 123 25 |
| Dominion " " 4 | 51 20 | 40 95 | 9 30 | ..... | 101 45 |
| Black Diamond " " 5 | 60 00 | 49 70 | 1 87 | ..... | 111 57 |
| Harmony " " 6 | 63 20 | 53 20 | 12 25 | ..... | 128 65 |
| Excelsior " " 7 | 17 20 | 15 75 | 28 37 | ..... | 61 32 |
| Vancouver " " 8 | 56 00 | 47 60 | 7 70 | ..... | 111 30 |
| Tatnai " " 9 | 28 40 | 24 85 | 7 55 | ..... | 60 80 |
| Western Star " " 10 | 67 20 | 58 40 | 23 75 | ..... | 149 35 |
| Union " " 11 | 24 80 | 22 10 | 3 50 | ..... | 50 40 |
| Selkirk " " 12 | 26 80 | 24 85 | 3 75 | ..... | 55 40 |
| Royal City " " 13 | 34 80 | 30 80 | 7 00 | ..... | 72 60 |
| Acme " " 14 | 40 00 | 41 60 | 4 75 | ..... | 86 35 |
| Cloverdale " " 15 | 22 40 | 17 50 | ..... | ..... | 39 90 |
| Kootenay " " 16 | 17 60 | 15 40 | 1 50 | ..... | 34 50 |
| Duncan " " 17 | 18 40 | 17 15 | ..... | ..... | 35 55 |
| Vernon Valley " " 18 | 20 80 | 14 35 | 4 50 | ..... | 39 65 |
| Mt. Pleasant " " 19 | 17 60 | 15 40 | 1 50 | ..... | 34 50 |
| Centennial " " 20 | 46 00 | 37 10 | 4 50 | ..... | 87 60 |
| Delta " " 21 | 20 40 | 19 20 | 2 85 | ..... | 42 45 |
| Gold Range " " 22 | 16 00 | 14 00 | ..... | ..... | 30 00 |
| Ashcroft " " 23 | 12 00 | 12 25 | 4 00 | ..... | 28 25 |
| Island " " 24 | 11 60 | 10 15 | 1 40 | ..... | 23 15 |
| Revelstoke " " 25 | 9 60 | 9 10 | 30 05 | 30 00 | 78 75 |
| Pacific " " 26 | 98 80 | 88 20 | 50 85 | 30 00 | 267 85 |
| Amity " " 27 | ..... | 65 80 | 37 05 | 30 00 | 132 85 |
| Cheam " " 28 | ..... | 15 40 | 75 | 30 00 | 46 15 |
| Perseverance " " 29 | ..... | 12 95 | 32 55 | 30 00 | 75 50 |
| Friendship " " 30 | ..... | 21 35 | 3 05 | 30 00 | 54 40 |
| Banner " " 31 | ..... | 29 05 | 29 55 | 30 00 | 88 60 |
| Mission City " " 32 | ..... | 14 35 | 30 30 | 30 00 | 74 65 |
| Peerless " " 33 | ..... | 56 00 | 32 75 | 30 00 | 118 75 |
| Rocky Mount'n " " 34 | ..... | ..... | 29 95 | 30 00 | 59 95 |
| Cedar " " 35 | ..... | ..... | 27 00 | 30 00 | 57 00 |
| Colfax Rebekah " 1 | ..... | ..... | 16 00 | ..... | 16 00 |
| Mizpah " " 2 | ..... | ..... | 3 50 | ..... | 3 50 |
| Miriam " " 3 | ..... | ..... | 50 | ..... | 50 |
| Ruth " " 4 | ..... | ..... | 9 90 | ..... | 9 90 |
| Alpine " " 6 | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | 2 00 |
| Bethel " " 7 | ..... | ..... | 16 45 | 10 00 | 26 45 |
| Kamloops " " 8 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| Sundry persons | ..... | ..... | 5 25 | ..... | 5 25 |
| O. F. Relief Ass'n of Canada | ..... | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 10 00 |
| | $976 80 | $1062 85 | $ 520 99 | $350 00 | $2910 64 |

## Orders Drawn on the Grand Treasurer.

| Date. | No. of Order. | In Whose Favor. | Description. | Amount. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1894. | | | | |
| Feb. 12 | 1 | Grand Secretary | Supplies Sov. G. Lodge | $ 10 00 |
| " 16 | 2 | " Treasurer | Mileage & Per Diem '94 | 756 50 |
| " 16 | 3 | Severeign Grand Lodge | Representative tax '94. | 150 00 |
| " 16 | 4 | W. E. Johnstone | Services as janitor | 15 00 |
| " 16 | 5 | W. H. Huxtable | Caretaker G. S. Office. | 20 00 |
| " 16 | 6 | J. Crossan, P. G. M | Postage, etc. | 14 00 |
| " 16 | 7 | Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15. | Refund cost of supplies | 29 85 |
| " 22 | 8 | Grand Secretary | Supplies Sov. G. Lodge | 36 85 |
| Mar. 9 | 9 | " " | " " | 69 71 |
| " 22 | 10 | T. R. Cusack | Printing Petitions | 6 50 |
| Apl. 28 | 11 | T. C. Gray | Allowance for trav. exp. | 25 00 |
| May. 3 | 12 | J. A. Cohen | Printing | 7 25 |
| " 16 | 13 | T. C. G[illegible] G. M | Envelopes | 2 50 |
| " 16 | 14 | F. Dave[illegible] Sec | Salary 3 months | 150 00 |
| " 16 | 15 | " " | Express, Duty, Postage | 55 42 |
| " 16 | 16 | M. Miller | Printing proceedings '94 | 162 00 |
| " 16 | 17 | F. Davey, G. Sec | Supplies Sov. G. Lodge | 33 00 |
| July 2 | 18 | " " | " " | 16 00 |
| " 2 | 19 | T. C. Gray, G. M | Allowance for trav. exp. | 50 00 |
| " 20 | 20 | J. A. Cohen | Printing | 6 00 |
| " 23 | 21 | R. T. Williams | Blank Books | 27 20 |
| " 28 | 22 | F. Davey, G. Sec | Supplies Sov. G. Lodge | 42 02 |
| Aug. 31 | 23 | " " | Salary 3 months | 150 00 |
| " 31 | 24 | " " | Express, Duty, Postage | 24 00 |
| Oct. 19 | 25 | " " | Supplies Sov. G. Lodge | 56 50 |
| Nov. 7 | 26 | T. C. Gray, G. M | Allowance for trav. exp. | 25 00 |
| " 7 | 27 | F. Davey, G. Sec | Salary 3 months | 150 00 |
| " 7 | 28 | " " | Expressage, Postage, etc | 8 55 |
| 1895. | | | | |
| Jan. 30 | 29 | Odd Fellows Union | Rent G. Sec. Office | 100 00 |
| " 30 | 30 | Colonist Ptg. & Pub. Co. | Printing | 8 00 |
| Feb. 9 | 31 | M. Miller | Printing | 5 75 |
| " 9 | 32 | J. A. Cohen | " | 6 75 |
| " 11 | 33 | F. Dave[illegible], G. Sec | Salary 3 months | 150 00 |
| " 11 | 34 | " " | Postage, etc | 8 65 |
| " 28 | 35 | " " | Supplies Sov. G. Lodge | 57 00 |
| Mar. 16 | 36 | T. C. Gray, G.M. | Allowance for trav. exp. | 50 00 |
| Apl. 4 | 37 | Grand Secretary | Supplies Sov. G. Lodge | 7 00 |
| " 11 | 38 | " " | Sov. G. L. Rep. tax | 150 00 |
| " 16 | 39 | T. R. Cusack | Printing | 6 25 |
| May 3 | 40 | F. Davey, G. Sec | Supplies Sov. G. Lodge | 29 05 |
| " 14 | 41 | " " | Salary 3 months | 150 00 |
| " 18 | 42 | T. N. Hibben & Co | Record B'k & Stationery | 13 65 |
| June 3 | 43 | F. Davey, G. Sec | Salary 1 mo. (Balance) | 50 00 |
| " 3 | 44 | " " | Duty, Express, Postage | 18 00 |
| " 3 | 45 | R. T. Williams | Order B'ks on Treasurer | 13 00 |
| " 3 | 46 | J. A. Cohen | Letter Heads for G. M. | 3 00 |
| | | | | $2924 95 |

SUMMARY.

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| Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last Report | $1,127 59 |
| Cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer | 2,910 64 |
| | $4,038 23 |
| Less Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer | 2,924 95 |
| Leaving Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer | $1,113 28 |

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

| | Dr. | Cr. |
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| To Balance per last Report | $ 138 78 | |
| " Goods bought | 453 23 | |
| " Gain during the year | 127 05 | |
| By Goods sold during year | | $ 580 14 |
| " " on hand | | 138 92 |
| Total | $ 719 06 | $ 719 06 |

## BALANCE SHEET.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., 4TH JUNE, 1895.

| Folio. | Account. | Dr. | Cr. |
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| 44 | Furniture and Regalia | $ 476 40 | |
| 48 | Excelsior Lodge, No. 7 | 35 | |
| 83 | Western Star Lodge, No. 10 | 5 | |
| 85 | Union Lodge, No. 11 | ..... | 45 |
| 96 | Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4 | 1 00 | |
| 100 | Acme Lodge, No. 14 | ..... | 20 |
| 108 | Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18 | ..... | 40 |
| 114 | Delta Lodge, No. 21 | ..... | 2 40 |
| 125 | Stock | 138 92 | |
| 151 | Grand Treasurer | 1,113 28 | |
| 162 | Profit and Loss | ..... | 1,773 45 |
| 166 | Vancouver Lodge, No. 8 | ..... | 40 |
| 168 | Pacific Lodge, No. 26 | 10 | |
| 172 | Cheam Lodge, No. 28 | 32 55 | |
| 178 | Friendship Lodge, No. 30 | 27 25 | |
| 184 | Peerless Lodge, No. 33 | 1 50 | |
| 190 | Cedar Lodge, No. 35 | 90 | |
| 192 | Kamloops Rebekah Lodge | ..... | 10 00 |
| | | $1,792 30 | $1,792 30 |

A communication was received from Alberta Lodge, No. 1, Calgary, Alberta, dated 4th March, 1895, inquiring as to the cost attached to a Lodge affiliating with this Grand Lodge, but as I was unable to furnish the information desired, I recommended the Lodge to address a communication to this Grand Lodge Session, but nothing further has been received. I beg to submit the letter in question for any action you may deem necessary.

A very enthusiastic and successful celebration of the Anniversary of our Order was held in this City on the 28th April, 1894, and was attended by a number of brothers from Vancouver, Nanaimo, Wellington and elsewhere. A collection was taken up amongst those present at a Public Meeting held at the Victoria Theatre, to form the nucleus of a fund to build and equip an Odd Fellow's Home in this Jurisdiction. The sum of $96 was subscribed on this occasion, which was handed to me for safe keeping until the wishes of this Grand Lodge could be ascertained on the subject and this sum is now on deposit in the Dominion Government Savings Bank, in my own name in trust for the "Odd Fellows Home of British Columbia," and I would ask that action be taken at this session as to the future disposition of this money. This small beginning is the outcome of a proposition zealously advocated in "The Warden" by Bro. C. F. Yates, P. G. who appealed for additional contributions towards the same object, but no further sums have been received.

An application for permission to do business in this Jurisdiction, accompanied with the requisite fee and documents, was received from "The Odd Fellow's Relief Association of Canada," and in view of the decision of the Grand Sire, No. 30, S. G. L. Session 1893, that the Executive Officers of a Grand Lodge, have no option, but must grant these Licenses in cases where all the requirements of the law have been complied with and in the absence of any specific directions from this Grand Lodge, to the contrary, the License was granted to 21st March, 1895. Another application, from the same Association, for a renewal of this permission for a year, with the fee, &c., has recently been received, but as this session was so near at hand, I concluded it was preferable to submit it for your instructions.

A petition from the "Odd Fellow's Insurance Association of British Columbia," praying that Licenses such as the beforementioned, be not granted, has been received and will be submitted for your consideration.

The following appeals have been received and duly transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals:—Bro. Geo. Fraser v Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, Expulsion for contempt.

W. A. Johnstone v Pacific Lodge, No. 26, re granting benefits to Bro. W. J. Harris, a member of said Lodge.

D. F. Fee v Columbia Lodge, No. 2. Expulsion.

E. Dickenson, P. G. and others v Acme Lodge, No. 14, re payment of Hospital expenses of a member in addition to Sick Benefits.

The petition of David Green to the Sovereign Grand Lodge against the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Victoria, in expelling him from membership, which was referred by that Grand Body at its session, 1893, to this Grand Lodge for investigation, did not reach me until 18th February, 1894, and at the request of Bro. Theo A. Ross, Grand Secretary, I forwarded it to the Grand Master for such action as he might deem proper.

A complaint was received through the Grand Secretary of Manitoba, from Bro. Geo. Smith, a member of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, concerning the action of that Lodge in refusing him benefits, and was forwarded to the Grand Master.

An appeal was circulated amongst the Lodges of this Jurisdiction by "Island" Lodge, No. 24, with the sanction of the Grand Master, for assistance to enable it to build a hall for Lodge purposes, but with what result, I am unable to state.

An appeal was circulated amongst our Lodges, in 1893, by "Northern Light" Lodge of Fargo, North Dakota, soliciting assistance on behalf of members who were sufferers by a severe fire which occurred at that place on 7th June, 1893. A statement has been received from the Committee who had charge of the matter showing the following sums contributed by the Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

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| Victoria | Lodge, | No. 1 | $ 5.00 |
| Columbia | " | No. 2 | 10.00 |
| Black Diamond | " | No. 5 | 25.00 |
| Harmony | " | No. 6 | 15.00 |
| Excelsior | " | No. 7 | 15.00 |
| Tatnai | " | No. 9 | 15.00 |
| Selkirk | " | No. 12 | 10.00 |
| Royal City | " | No. 13 | 5.00 |
| Acme | " | No. 14 | 10.00 |
| Cloverdale | " | No. 15 | 10.00 |
| Kootenay | " | No. 16 | 13.00 |
| Vernon Valley | " | No. 18 | 5.00 |
| Delta | " | No. 21 | 20.00 |
| Colfax Rebekah | " | No. 1 | 5.00 |
| | | | $163.00 |

The total amount collected from all sources amounted to $13,949.17.

Considerable dissatisfaction having been expressed respecting the manner of the distribution of this money the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its last session directed the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, to cause to be *returned* to the various jurisdictions contributing pro rata, such

portion of the funds as were not used for legitimate expenses and for the relief of destitute brothers and sisters. I have received no intimation as yet from that Grand Lodge on the matter of a refund.

I very much regret to report that the Hall of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack, with all its contents were destroyed by fire on the 4th December last, and that the loss was only partially covered by Insurance. The Charter of the Lodge and also that of "Ruth" Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, having been burnt on this occasion, applications have been received for Duplicate Charters.

The Revised Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session held at Chattanooga, on 17th to 22nd September, 1894, have not yet come to hand, a Postal Card has however been received from Grand Secretary Ross, stating that they were shipped on the 10th Ultimo. Numerous enquiries have been received respecting these proceedings and it appears to me that nine months should not elapse between the close of the session and their receipt by this Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T.,

FRED'K DAVEY.
*Grand Secretary.*

Report of Grand Treasurer was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

D. WELSH, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F.

| DR. | | | | | CR. | |
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| 1894. | | $ cts. | | | | |
| Feb. 6 | To Bal. from late G. T. | 1,127 59 | Feb. 6 | By P'd Orders | | |
| Apl 23 | " Cash from G. Sec'y | 30 00 | 1894 | from No's | | |
| May 29 | " do do | 388 23 | to | 1 to 46.... | $2,924 | 95 |
| July 20 | " do do | 34 80 | June 3 | | | |
| Aug. 17 | " do N. W. L., No. 3 | 61 60 | 1895 | | | |
| Oct. 19 | " do Grand Secre'ty | 344 77 | | | | |
| 1895. | | | | | | |
| Jan. 8 | " do J. C. McArthur | 65 80 | | | | |
| " 10 | " do do | 30 80 | | | | |
| " 11 | " do do | 53 90 | | | | |
| Apl 13 | " do Grand Secre'ty | 626 20 | | | | |
| May 2 | " do do | 157 00 | | | | |
| June 3 | " do do | 1,117 54 | June 3 | By Balance... | 1,113 | 28 |
| | | $ 4,038 23 | | | $4,038 | 23 |
| June 4 | To Balance.....$ | 1,113 28 | | | | |

D. WELSH,
Grand Treasurer.

A. W. Scoullar, Grand Representative, presented and read the Report of the Grand Representatives.

VICTORIA, B. C., 12th June, 1895.

*Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of B.C., I.O.O.F.:*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—We, your representatives, ask leave to submit this our report of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Seventieth Annual Communication was held in the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., opening on Monday, 17th September, and closing Saturday, 22nd September, 1894.

The Grand Marshal declared all representatives present duly qualified and the Grand Lodge was declared opened by D. G. Sire Stebbins. Upon the call of the roll the following Officers were found to be present:

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| Cl. T. Campbell | Grand Sire. |
| John W. Stebbins | Deputy Grand Sire. |
| Theo. A. Ross | Grand Secretary. |
| I. A. Sheppard | " Treasurer. |
| Geo. Coburne | Ass't " Secretary. |
| Rev. J. W. Venable | " Chaplain. |
| J. S. Tyson | " Guardian. |

And a representation from forty-seven Grand Lodges and thirty-nine Grand Encampments.

Also, Past Grand Sires:—

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| John B. Nicholson | Pennsylvania. |
| James B. Sanders | New York. |
| M. I. Durham | Kentucky. |
| John H. White | New York. |
| John C. Underwood | Kentucky. |
| Chas. M. Busbee | North Carolina. |

The Chair reported the death of Bro. W. G. Dye, Grand Marshal, and appointed Bro. W. S. Frost, P. G. of Illinois, Grand Marshal. Bro. R. Alexander, Grand Messenger, having resigned his office Bro. John Welsh, P. G. P., of Ontario, was appointed Grand Messenger, and were installed into their respective offices.

The Grand Sire delivered his annual address, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officer's reports:—

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:—Once more it is my privilege to welcome you to the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Twenty years have passed since this Body last assembled under the bright

skies of the Sunny South, and it is full time that you should meet again in a section from which you have been so long absent, and where, even without the stimulus of your presence, the Order has been growing with more than tropical luxuriance. When you met in Atlanta, the Jurisdictions forming the territory, recognized politically as the Southern States, contained less than 6,000 Odd Fellows; while today the Brotherhood in the same section approximates 50,000. Here the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth have found congenial soil in the warm hearts of a generous people, and Odd Fellowship has become in the community an established institution.

You meet today in a locality rich in historical associations and possessing an enduring interest for the people of the United States. Scarcely one generation has passed away since the time when gathering armies met where we now meet, and the soil we tread today was red with the blood shed in fratricidal strife. Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Misssionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, are names that recall sad memories of grim visaged war, with all its attendant grief and pain. But the battle clouds have rolled away, the sun smiles over a land of peace and plenty, and the place where death held high carnival is now consecrated by the bivouac of the army of human Brotherhood under the white banner of Odd Fellowship.

The armies that faced each other in Tennessee thirty years ago left behind them disorder and desolation, smouldering ruins and mangled fragments of the dead; and their shouts of victory were drowned in the cry of mourning, lamentation and woe. But your army advances under the banner of peace, to achieve victories no less renowned than those of war; and its onward march may be traced, not by the signs of brutal passion and inhuman rage, but of distress relieved, vice restrained, suffering assuaged, and burdens borne; not by ruined homes and burning cities, but by stately institutions, orphanages and asylums, erected to shelter the homeless and bereaved.

Those of us who serve in this beneficent army of peace may well be proud of our victories which leave no sting of defeat behind. And we have reason to be thankful for the indications of success which present themselves at our annual review.

THE STATE OF THE ORDER,

as shown in the returns submitted by your Grand Secretary, tell of continued prosperity. A net increase during the year under the Sovereign Grand Lodge of 32,897, making at the end of 1893 a membership of 780,192, or, including the Sisters of the Rebekah Degree, 888,804, gives satisfactory evidence of solid growth. Adding some 25,000 members in foreign Jurisdictions, shows a total of about 913,000 at the end of 1893. It is true that our growth in 1893 has been less marked than in the year previous; but that may be accounted for by the retarding

effects of a season of financial stringency and of reduced commercial and manufacturing operations, which has lessened materially the resources of the people. This has been especially noticeable in the United States. In Canada, relatively a more prosperous country, and under its stable institutions less liable to business fluctuations, our Order has made greater progress than in any previous period of its history.

But if the increase in membership has been less in the year immediately preceding, there has been no material diminution in the work accomplished. The expenditure of $3,313,000 for purposes of relief is a sufficient evidence of the activity of Odd Fellowship. It is not numbers, but work that constitutes success. Judged by this standard, Odd Fellowship has not failed. And we point with gratification to the work accomplished by our Order, as it has faithfully and loyally obeyed the commands of its laws "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan;" evidences shown not only in its steadily growing volume of relief outlay, but in the less obtrusive yet more extended influence of its principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, taught in our Lodges, exemplified by our members, and permeating every community where our Order has a home.

THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN FOREIGN LANDS

has not materially changed during the year. Among the Teutonic nations of Europe, very good progress has been made, as you will see by the report of our Special Deputy, Bro. HERMAN BLOCK. (Off. Doc. B.) In Australasia, business depression has had its effect in causing a slight decrease in membership. Among the Latin nations, whether in Europe or America, the returns are not very satisfactory. In Sweden, the state of the Order has warranted me in acting on the authority you gave me last session (Journal, p. 13,567). and I have issued to the Lodges in that country a Charter for a Grand Lodge.

The publication of the Ritual in the Swedish language having been authorized by you, a translation was prepared by Amicita Lodge, No. 3, of Sweden. I submitted the translation to the inspection of three competent Swedish gentlemen in St. Paul, Minn., (Bros. THYGESON, JOHNSON and BROWN), and, being certified by them of its correctness, I authorized its printing. I would suggest that Amicita Lodge should be granted four copies of the printed Ritual. Similarly, Garibaldi Lodge, of Texas, which translated the Italian Ritual at its own expense, should be granted four copies of that Ritual.

In referring to the advance of Odd Fellowship on the continent of Europe, I cannot speak in terms too laudatory of the work accomplished by Grand Representative BLOCK. The social and political conditions of the various nationalities in Europe differ so materially from the conditions characteristic of the United States and Canada that if we are to retain close relations with our Brethren across the sea, and if Odd

Fellowship in those distant countries is to be operated as we understand it, there is absolute necessity for the presence there, in an official position, of a Brother who is not only well versed in Odd Fellowship, but who is also in full harmony with European and American Odd Fellows. Such a representative man we have in Bro. Block. The result of his labors are not to be measured alone by the numerical or financial condition of the Lodges in Europe. They can be properly estimated only by those who, like your executive officers, have closer opportunity for observing the situation, and the character of the work effected. In the performance of his duties, Bro. Block has freely given not only time, but money; for the allowance of $300 made by the Sovereign Grand Lodge falls far short of his actual disbursements, and should certainly be increased.

During the year, a number of residents of Naples, Italy, joined in a request for a Charter for a Lodge in their city. The petition was the voluntary action of a number of gentlemen who, while not acquainted with the details of our work, had learned enough of our principles to recognize the value of Odd Fellowship to humanity. The matter was referred for investigation to Bro. Block, and after some correspondence and a careful review of the social standing of the petitioners, and of the laws and customs of Italy, I am prepared to recommend that their request be granted.

In the course of correspondence with Bro. Block on the Naples petition, I had occasion to discuss with him a question which, while it has not attained any prominence in connection with Odd Fellowship, has more or less affected other benevolent societies in Europe; and that is the development of atheism among certain classes of the people. Odd Fellowship, while it is free from anything of a sectarian character, has always held belief in a Supreme Being as a cardinal principle; and has maintained the Fatherhood of God as a doctrine of equal importance with the Brotherhood of man. Concerning the qualities and attributes of the Divine Father, it has never undertaken to pronounce with authority; nor does it question the moral character and good citizenship of some of those who declare that they have no belief in a Supreme Being. It simply exercises the right of all voluntary associations to prescribe the qualifications for membership in its own circle. And it has insisted, and does still insist, that belief in God is necessary to attain or retain a place within our ranks. No one should offer himself for membership in our Order who has not this qualification; no one should be accepted without it; and no member who loses his faith in a Divine Father can honestly and consistently remain with us. I think it is very necessary that this cardinal doctrine should be emphatically re-stated; and that it should be distinctly understood in Europe, where all societies have been seriously disturbed by atheistic agitation.

Opportunity has been given me for the introduction of Odd Fellowship into the British colonies of South Africa, by means of an experi-

enced Brother from Manitoba, who was visiting the Dark Continent, and whose services were placed at my disposal for the purpose. But I have never favored this kind of missionary enterprise in foreign countries; believing that it is time enough to go outside of our ordinary boundaries when the people of other countries call on us. I therefore declined to give any official sanction to the proposition. There is nothing to prevent any member of the Order, who resides in a foreign land, advocating the claims of Odd Fellowship, and pointing out to his new associates its good qualities; but it is neither necessary nor expedient for the Sovereign Grand Lodge to make any special effort to introduce the Order, except in response to the request of the people themselves.

During the year, two gentlemen from India visiting this country in connection with the Parliament of Religions at Chicago, and studying American institutions, were favorably impressed with Odd Fellowship, and asked permission to join a Lodge, with a view to introducing the Order into their own country. While I appreciate the compliment paid us, there were evident reasons why their proposal should not be entertained.

### NEWFOUNDLAND.

The only part of British North America not hitherto occupied by us is the colony of Newfoundland: but a petition was received from St. John's, the capital of the Island, a short time since, and a charter granted for a Lodge. There seems to be some reasonable doubt as to whether this colony should be considered part of the Jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces of Canada. The Commission granted Bro. FULLER, the first D. D. Grand Sire of the Lower Provinces of British North America, appears to have included the four Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. On the other hand, the Constitution of the present Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces, which has been approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, confines its jurisdiction to the first three alone. This fact, coupled with the other pertinent fact that Newfoundland is a colony separate and distinct from Canada, caused me to decide that it was unoccupied territory, directly subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

### IN KANSAS.

The only section throught our entire Jurisdiction where peace and harmony does not prevail, is the State of Kansas. The situation there will be brought to your attention, and deserves your serious consideration. In brief, it amounts to this: The Grand Lodge of the State ordered an assessment per capita on the membership, to supply funds for what is known as the De Boissiere Home. A number of the Lodges refused payment; the Grand Master proceeded to discipline the delinquents; they appealed to the civil courts, which decided against them;

further appeal was taken to the superior court, which enjoined the Grand Master from interfering with the appellants until the appeal should be finally decided. Many of the Subordinates interested sought my assistance, and asked that I should restrain the Grand Master from requiring obedience to the resolution of the Grand Lodge in the matter of the assessment; and also praying me to investigate the situation. My reply was: That the Lodges claiming to be aggrieved having appealed to the civil courts, instead of the regular tribunals of the Order, it was not expedient for the Grand Sire to interfere. The petitions in this case are presented to the Grand Sire; but I submit the entire matter to you for such action as you may deem expedient. The decision of Judge HAZEN, sustaining the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was an important deliverance; and as a portion of his ruling was devoted to the consideration of certain resolutions passed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its Portland session, I have added that part to the official documents herewith submitted. (Off. Doc. C.)

THE PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

I am unable to make as favorable and as correct a report of the condition of this branch of the Order as could be desired. It has not been idle, for some eleven new Cantons have been mustered into service since last September. But it is impossible to give a correct comparison of the situation between the past two years, owing to the fact that many of the old Cantons had but a nominal existence. There appears to have always been a difficulty in getting prompt returns from some of the Cantons, and as a consequence, the statistics given in previous years have been approximate, and not absolutely correct. This difficulty has by no means disappeared during the last year. The Adjutant-General will, however, give you such figures as he has at his command. I have endeavored to lop off the withered branches, and re-organize the forces, but I have had to depend largely on the Department Commanders in this matter, and have not always found among them that military promptness nor that executive ability necessary. Some undertook the work of re-organization at once, and have brought their Departments into proper shape; others have shown a reluctance to cut down a nominal force to its actual proportions, and have neglected either to withdraw the Warrants of delinquent Cantons, or to resuscitate them.

I have had to exercise considerable discretionary power in harmonizing the articles of the Code adopted at last session. Owing to the fact that this was a combination of two very diverse schemes, it is no matter for surprise that it should show inconsistencies as well as omissions. One serious question was with regard to the Canton tax. It was generally supposed that the Sovereign Grand Lodge intended to abolish this tax; but no action to that effect was taken; while Section 168 expressly declares that all former laws not inconsistent with the act of 1893 remain in full force until expressly repealed. Though I might be satisfied as to

what was the intention of the Body, yet under your decision of 1892 on the Minimum Benefit Law, it is held that the Grand Sire should not consider the intention of the law so much as the literal reading. I, therefore, held that the tax law was unrepealed; but I have not thought it wise to insist on the collection of the tax.

In a large number of cases, Department Commanders have recommended the remission of arrears due by inactive and weak Cantons, and I have generally approved such recommendation. With regard to individual accounts, very little progress has been made in their collection. Some delinquents are dead; some are no longer connected with the Order; in nearly all other cases, excuses more or less reasonable have been made for non-payment. Many of the charges seem to have been the result of misunderstandings of law, and some of mis-laid correspondence. I am of the opinion that these accounts are practically non-collectible, and the simplest way of disposing of them would be to write them off, or transfer them to the several Department Councils. In the case of fees due for Commissions not received, where the account is cancelled, the Commission should be cancelled also. The largest account is that of Gen. JANES, of Michigan, amounting to $51.80; this is a sample of charges made and resisted under mistaken construction of the law. It may as well be written off.

The Code that was adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge last year for the government of the Patriarchs Militant is capable of considerable improvement. The fact is that it is only a modification of the old system, without the advantage of a competent and efficient Staff at Headquarters for the general management. There has been a form of self-government, but more a form than a reality. The organization in each Department is subject to the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief; the Department Council is only optional, and at best is only an Advisory Board with little power. The Department Commander is chosen presumably for his efficiency as a military officer; he may be decidedly deficient in executive ability, and of little service when not on parade. There are some notable exceptions, but my experience has not been entirely satisfactory. And, as a matter of fact, under the present system, the Grand Sire has had to do the work that required the whole time of the General commanding under the old system, in addition to the regular work of his office, without extra help; and the Grand Secretary has been expected to do the work which formerly occupied the time and energies of a Staff of three or four people, with scarcely sufficient extra salary to pay for one clerk. This cannot continue. The Grand Sire and Grand Secretary cannot possibly attend to his work to the benefit of the Patriarchs Militant, and without neglecting the work of the Order at large, unless they are to be supplied with a special Staff of paid officials. But even if they did have the necessary assistance, I do not think the system would be satisfactory. There are only two plans

for the proper management of an organization of this kind. One is a centralized government with a strict military discipline; the other is complete local government, subject only to general law. The first plan was tried for several years, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge concluded that it was more expensive than efficient. Without expressing any opinion, I may assume that we are not prepared to return to the old system. Let us then try the other plan. Give the Chevaliers, in each Department, as absolute control of their own affairs as is consistent with the interests of the Order. Instead of trying to keep up the idea that the Patriarchs Militant is a military organization, whose government must be based on military law, let us be content with considering it an auxiliary of Odd Fellowship, for purpose of display, using military emblems, but governed on similar principles to those of any voluntary association. I would recommend therefore, that we adopt for the Patriarchs Militant a plan of government similar to that for Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, by placing the Cantons in each Department under the complete control of a representative Department Council. And for that purpose I submit a modification of the present Code and recommend its adoption. (Off. Doc. H.)

In the matter of Patriarchs Militant finances I would recommend: 1st. That all arrears of Canton tax, not remitted, and all personal accounts be cancelled, or transferred to the several Department Councils, with full power to collect the same for their own benefit, or to cancel them. 2nd. That the law providing for the collection of a Canton tax by the Sovereign Grand Lodge be repealed, such repeal to date from April, 1894.

THE COHEN ARBITRATION.

In connection with the Patriarchs Militant, I may report to you the results of the arbitration in the disputed claim of COHEN & Co. against the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It will be remembered that at the last session this firm presented an account of $5,229.31 for printing for Patriarchs Militant Headquarters, including interest on running account amounting to $1,065.57. This was disputed by Gen. UNDERWOOD, and the Special Committee on Patriarchs Militant Indebtedness reported in favor of paying $2,317.08. This was refused by COHEN & Co., and at their request the Sovereign Grand Lodge consented to submit the matter to arbitration. Under the authority given me (*Journal*, 13,673), I appointed Past Grand Representative JOHN H. ALBIN, of New Hampshire, as your arbitrator; COHEN & Co. appointing Mr. LOUIS KRAMER, of Cincinnati. The process of arbitration was remarkably slow. The articles of agreement were signed October 23rd, 1893; the first meeting of the Arbitrators was held in Cincinnati, November 15th, and the award was given February 17th, following. After the first meeting of the Arbitrators, I was informed by Bro. ALBIN that the constant attendance of Past Grand Sire UNDERWOOD, who was the only person familiar with

all the details of the claim, was absolutely necessary, and I requested that Brother to render all aid possible. This he cheerfully did; and our Arbitrator certifies to the great value of the services rendered by him.

The award, a copy of which is submitted (Off. Doc. I.), required the Sovereign Grand Lodge to pay $3,996.44—being $1,232.87 less than the amount claimed. The expenses of the arbitration, however, reached some $1,300. In addition to this, Bro. UNDERWOOD considered that, as his entire time had been devoted to assisting in the arbitration, collecting evidence, securing witnesses, etc., for a period of nearly four months, he should be allowed for that time the salary he had received as Commander of the Patriarchs Militant, viz.: $350 per month. I was not prepared to sanction the payment of such an amount, as I had previously informed Bro. UNDERWOOD that I had no authority to engage his services for any length of time, or for any stated remuneration. But as there was no doubt he had devoted a great deal of time and labor to your service, I recommended the chairman of the Finance Committee to allow a payment of $400, leaving it to you to supplement that amount with such further sum as you may consider proper.

### THE REBEKAH DEPARTMENT.

The enthusiasm which has characterized the Sisterhood of Rebekah during the past few years seems to continue unabated. New Lodges are being organized in every jurisdiction, and the membership is increasing rapidly. At the end of 1893, there were 202,442 in this department, of whom 108,612 were Sisters. At the same rate of increase, we may assume that there are to-day not less than 115,000 noble women united with us in benevolent work. This grand auxiliary of Odd Fellowship deserves all the support and encouragement we can give it. The laws governing this branch require a careful revision, while the wishes of the Sisters themselves, especially conversant as they are with the work, should receive from us the most careful consideration.

I had hoped that the National Convention which you authorized last September would have provided the Special Committee on Rebekah Laws some assistance in preparing a suitable Code, and would, at all events, have furnished you with the matured views of the representative women of the Order. It does not appear, however, to have been of any material service in this direction. After electing officers, and assisting at a mass meeting of Rebekah members on the Exposition Grounds, it adjourned to meet at the call of the Grand Sire. This was evidently done under a misconception of the Grand Sire's powers, and possibly of the Grand Sire's views. To a question whether the Convention, after organization, might adjourn to meet later, I gave an affirmative answer, believing the Body had power over its own movements. But the Grand Sire had no authority in connection therewith. The Sovereign Grand Lodge empowered me to provide for a Convention in Chicago, in Septem-

ber, 1893, and nothing more. Consequently I have not felt at liberty to accede to the request of the officers of the Convention, and summon it to meet in Chattanooga this year. There is no doubt, however, that the several State Conventions will have made their views known to the Grand Lodges under whose guardianship they have assembled, and the Grand Representatives will be in a position to present these views for crystallization in appropriate laws, so far as your judgment approves.

While our Sisters of Rebekah have assisted in all branches of the benevolent work of Odd Fellowship, they have rendered us special aid in establishing and supporting

HOMES AND ORPHANAGES.

And in no department of our work has there been so decided progress as in making provision for the aged members and orphaned children. As our Order grows older, the number of our members who, from the misfortunes of age, become dependent upon us, must increase, and increase rapidly. Many of them have borne the burdens of others in days gone by, and have performed faithfully all the duties which the Order devolves upon its members. Now, in the evening of life, where shall they turn for refuge and rest save to the sheltering arms of Odd Fellowship? Not less urgent are the claims of the children of our deceased members. "To educate the orphan" has been one of the great commands of our laws; but the one least obeyed. We have been too much inclined to regard it in its literal terms, and to think that its requirements have been met by the education that the State provides for all. But education means more than this. It means moral as well as mental training; it means the care of body and mind and soul. "To educate the orphan" means that the Order should exercise parental guardianship over those whom death has made fatherless; and our benevolent mission in society is not complete where we fail to accomplish this work.

It is gratifying to notice that we are not altogether neglecting our duty in this connection, though there is still room for improvement. I have had the pleasure of inspecting an orphanage in Lincoln, Illinois, where some 80 children are under the guardianship of our Brethren in that Jurisdiction, in an institution complete with every appliance requisite for the purpose. New York has provided an additional Home, which I was permitted to formally open only a few days ago. Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Kansas, Texas and Wisconsin have excellent Homes for the aged and for the orphans, in active operation, while many other Jurisdictions are accumulating funds and preparing buildings for this laudable work. I commmend it to the earnest consideration of our Brethren everywhere, and trust the time is not far distant when ample provision will be made for all those who need our care.

No less deserving is the Sanitarium for visiting Brothers opened this year in Florida by the enterprising and generous Odd Fellows of that

Jurisdiction. This institution has been established by Florida Brethren, but not for the benefit of Florida. In the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, it is designed for others and not for themselves; it is for the sick and afflicted from without. Its support should not depend on the good Samaritans of that State, but on the Jurisdictions whose members will receive its benefits.

THE WORK OF THE GRAND SIRE'S OFFICE

has this year been nearly doubled by the extra labor involved in the change of gover ment of the Patriarchs Militant; and for its proper performance the whole time of your executive officers should have been given to the Order. The cor espon lence has been largely increased, but all matters submitted to me have received careful consideration, and as prompt reply as was possible. Such decisions as seem to call for review by you are herewith presented. (Off. Doc. A.) All matters of official routine, which are recorded in the Grand Secretary's office, will be reported to you by him.

I have not been able to visit the Jurisdictions as much as I could have desired. But what I have done only confirms my conviction that the occasional presence of the principal officer of the Order in any locality results in great benefit that can scarcely be over-estimated. It is not necessary for this purpose that the Grand Sire should be an eloquent speaker, or a person of remarkable ability. The very fact that it is the Grand Sire who comes draws out the Brethren; gives them opportunity for conference and counsel; and awakens new enthusiasm; while at the same time public attention is attracted to the Order, and opportunity given for that favourable impression which Odd Fellowship can always make. I have attended public demonstrations in Chicago, Indianapolis and Cleveland; have visited the Grand Encampment of Deleware, and the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Deleware and Indiana; inspected the Orphanage at Lincoln, Illinois, and opened the New Home for Western New York, at Lockport. These, with a few minor visitations comprise all that I have been able to do in this department of my work; and it has been with great regret that I have been compelled to refuse many invitations from other Jurisdictions. Before closing, let me not forget to say a word

IN MEMORY

of those whose once familiar faces will be seen no more. Our Memorial Day Proclamation, (Off. Doc. K.), contains the names of many whose voices have been heard at your sessions in no uncertain tone, and whose lives were devoted to the work of the Order. One of them died while holding official position in this Body—your Grand Marshal, Bro. WALTER G. DYE, of Minnesota—an Odd Fellow in spirit and in truth. "The warm heart that throbbed for others' woes" is silent in the grave; but the memory of the kind words spoken, of the generous acts performed, of the honest life that has been lived—this can never die.

And now, Officers and Representatives, the time draws near for me to

RETURN TO YOU

the trust which two years ago you reposed in me. Conscious of imperfections, I realize that the magnitude of the work incident to the office of Chief Executive of this grand association calls for abilities far greater than any I possess; but what I have been able to do I have done as best I could, unbiased by fear or friendship, and with the sole desire to advance the Order's aims and ends. For the kind and courteous loyalty shown by you—and not by you alone, but by all with whom I have been brought into official relationship—I have nothing but gratitude to give. It has aided me when in difficulty; and made the burdens of office easy to bear. It will make the memory of my administration for me an undying pleasure.

I shall soon surrender executive control to an able and experienced Brother. But the great work our Order strives to accomplish rests with you and your Brethren in the several Jurisdictions. If you are faithful, the failings of your Grand Sire cannot retard the work; if you are negligent, the greatest talents he can bring to office cannot prevent disaster.

This is an age that needs the beneficent labors of Odd Fellowship. It is a transition age; a critical period in the history of civilized communities. Grave problems are pressing for solution—legislative problems, social problems, religious problems, economic problems. Old ideas are dying out, and new ones are developing; old creeds are becoming obsolete, and new dogmas take their place; old systems are crumbling on the brink of dissolution, and new systems are ever forging forward. There is a condition of unrest and agitation; of startling contrasts of wealth and poverty; of bitter conflicts between labor and capital. There is a constant struggle for existence, in which thousands are being trodden under foot.

In the midst of this unceasing world-wide turmoil, Odd Fellowship stands serene, proclaiming the gospel of altruistic communism—unselfishness for the individual, co-operation for society—the sole remedy for the ills that afflict humanity. On the bridge that spans the Rhone in the city of Geneva, stands a noble group of statuary, commemorative of the union of Geneva with the Swiss Confederation—two figures of an unequal size, clasped in a mutual embrace, with the inscription on the base: "Un pour tous, tous pour un"—"one for all, all for one." This is the central idea of our Order—each individual member serving the whole body, the whole body to protect and guard the individual. It represents the highest form of civilized society; it will characterize the millenial period of peace and prosperity, when one law shall bind all people—"the law of Universal Brotherhood."

To you is entrusted the leadership of the movement that shall hasten the establishment of the Altrurian Age—the age of which poets have dreamed; for which philanthropists have hoped, but which Odd Fellowship has made possible. May your enthusiasm be unabated; your zeal undiminished; and may the Divine Blessing crown your labors with most swift success.

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## OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY THE GRAND SIRE.

[Official Documents A.]

### DECISIONS REPORTED BY THE GRAND SIRE.

1. When a Lodge, during its meeting, is left without a quorum, it can do no further business, and the N. G. should declare it closed without ceremony.

2. When an unsuspended member dies, who was disqualified under the local law from receiving benefits, the Lodge can donate money to bury him, and may even donate a larger sum than the By-Laws allow for a funeral benefit; provided it is done in accordance with the local regulations in the matter of donations.

3. To entitle a member to a Veteran Jewel, in counting years of continuous membership, the period of temporary suspension of his Lodge by reason of some public calamity, like civil war, is not to be deducted; it being shewn that he regained membership at the earliest possible opportunity.

4. As a general rule, a Brother cannot be put on trial for an offense said to have been committed prior to his becoming a member of the Order, unless the offense was one not previously discovered.

5. When a Lodge becomes defunct, and its Charter is withdrawn, all its members are under suspension, except such as receive Cards from the Grand Lodge. When such a Lodge is resuscitated, on petition of some of the original members, one who was in good standing at the time of suspension, but had not received a Card from the Grand Lodge, retains the status of a suspended member, and must so remain until *(admitted into the resuscitated Lodge, on such terms as the local law prescribes, or until he shall obtain a Dismissal Certificate in accordance with law)* he obtains a card from the Grand Lodge, when he can be admitted into the resuscitated, or any other Lodge, on such terms as the local law prescribes.

6. When consent has been given by the proper authorities for the election and initiation of a non-resident, the Lodge having original jurisdiction has no claim for fees.

7. Redress for grievances connected with Odd Fellowship should be sought in the tribunals of the Order; and neither a Subordinate Body nor a member thereof should appeal to the civil courts until all remedies provided by the Order have been exhausted.

8. A retiring Noble Grand is entitled to the Past Noble Grand's Degree as soon as his term of office as N. G. has expired. The Degree may be conferred outside of the Grand Lodge, if such Body has authorized it to be so conferred.

9. A Subordinate cannot elect to the office of Noble Grand a member of another Lodge. It may, however, elect a member of another Lodge as its Representative to its Grand Lodge, if such Grand Lodge permits.

10. A Brother cannot be installed into and hold, at the same time, more than one of the offices in a Subordinate Lodge provided for in the Ritual and general law; but a member who holds one of such offices may serve his Lodge in some other capacity—such as Physician, Solicitor, Janitor, etc., provided the duties of the several positions to which he may be appointed do not conflict; and provided, also, that the local law does not prohibit.

11. It is not permissible for a Lodge to present, in public or in private, a burlesque of any of the ceremonies of the Order; or to give in public any dramatic representation claiming to be in any way connected with our Ritual.

12. Neither a Subordinate Body nor a member is allowed to manufacture and sell photographs of scenes in the Dramatic Work. *Neither a Subordinate Body nor a member is allowed to manufacture or sell photographs of scenes in the Dramatic Work.)* But individuals may have photographs of themselves in the costumes used, provided such are not used for public display, or in such a manner as would indicate to outsiders their connection with the Order.

13. (By order of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, this decision is omitted from the Revised Journal.)

14. Not more than one candidate can at the same time be admitted to any of the ceremonies of the Order, except where permitted by the express terms of the Ritual.

15. An Encampment member can wear his Encampment Regalia when sitting in his own Lodge, unless he is a Lodge officer, in which case he must wear the Regalia of his office.

16. Under the general law, a Patriarch, before he can be elected C. P., must have served a term as H. P., and one as S. W.; but a Grand Encampment may by By-Law dispense with the term of service in the H. P.'s chair.

17. Whether or not a Rebekah Lodge shall pay benefits is a matter for local law.

18. There is nothing in the general law to prohibit a Rebekah Lodge co-operating with an association of women, or taking part in a convention of women's societies—the object being for the welfare of the female sex. But the consent of the Grand Master should be obtained.

19. A lady is not eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge whose only claim is that she is the adopted daughter of a man whose son is an Odd Fellow.

20. The widowed daughter of an Odd Fellow in good standing in his Lodge (or a deceased Odd Fellow who was in good standing at the time of his death), is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge, even though her deceased husband was not an Odd Fellow.

21. A Sister who marries a man not a member of the Order, and who is dropped for non-payment of dues, either before or after her marriage, cannot be re-instated so long as her husband is not an Odd Fellow.

22. The N. G. of a Rebekah Lodge has no authority under the Ritual to instruct the W. or C. to communicate any P. W.'s to any person, whether in her immediate presence during the session of the Lodge, or at any other time or place.

23. When the officers of a Rebekah Lodge surrender their chairs to a Degree Staff for the purpose of conferring the Degree, the N. G. of the Degree Staff is acting N. G. of the Lodge, and has the same right to communicate P. W.'s that the installed N. G. has—it being assumed that such acting N. G. is legally qualified, i. e., is an installed N. G. of a Lodge, or a P. N. G. *(The above right given the N. G. of the Degree Staff applies only to the communication of P. W.'s to candidates during the conferring of the Degree.)*

24. A Canton that has been mustered out of the service cannot take part in any parade of the Order.

25. A Chevalier under suspension, or one not a member of a Canton, and not presenting a Certificate of Honorable Discharge, cannot appear in uniform in a public parade of Patriarchs Militant.

26. A Chevalier cannot be a member of more than one Canton, whether active or honorary.

27. When a Canton is instituted during the latter half of the P. M. year, i. e , between October 26th and April 26th, the first officers serve the balance of that year and the year following.

28. The Guard, Sentinel and Picket of a Canton, being officers not required nor recognized on parade, need not be Warranted; but it is

optional with a Department Commander to cause Warrants to be issued to any of them at their request, and on payment of fees.

29. The officer of highest rank in a Department, commanding an organized body of P. M. of the highest grade, is Department Commander by virtue of such rank and position.

30. A Department Commander as such has no Staff; but he has whatever Staff is proper for an officer of his rank, whether Major or Major-General.

31. A Department to be organized into a Division must consist of at least three Brigades. If there are only two Brigades, the Brigadier who is senior officer, and consequently Department Commander, may be commissioned Major-General.

32. Neither a Commander-in-Chief nor a Department Commander has power to change or sanction the change of the P. M. Uniform, or any part thereof.

33. A Grand Lodge cannot provide for the payment, out of its own funds, of benefits to members of defunct Lodges; nor can it collect dues from such members for the purpose of paying them benefits.

34. A Grand Master has no power to consolidate two Subordinates in his Jurisdiction, unless his Grand Lodge has legislated to that effect, and has given him the necessary authority.

35. An Encampment desiring to petition Subordinate Lodges for aid must first obtain permission from both the Grand Patriarch and the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction.

36. A Past Grand who has been installed Grand Master, but has resigned before his term of office has expired, may, in the absence of a P. G. M. or Grand Representative, install the officers of a Grand Lodge, he having taken the obligation of a Grand Master.

37. The S. G. L. insurance laws apply to all associations seeking recognition from the Order, whether they have been incorporated under civil laws or not.

38. A D. D. Grand Sire may hold any office in his Lodge or Encampment, provided the Grand Sire, whose representative he is, does not object.

39. The Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces of Canada has no jurisdiction over the colony of Newfoundland, the latter being directly under the S. G. L.

[Official Document L.]

## DECISION OF GRAND SIRE.

Given under authority of Sovereign Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, 13,448.

B. G. McBroom
*vs.*
Friendship Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., Ind. Ter.

This was an appeal made to the Grand Sire on the 2nd of January, 1893, by the late Bro. B. G. McBroom against his Lodge, Friendship, No. 8, of Krebs, Ind. Territory, for refusing to pay benefits which he claimed to be then due and accruing. The matter was referred to the D. D. Grand Sire for the Indian Territory, for investigation; and on his report of facts ascertained by him, the Grand Sire decided that Bro. McBroom was entitled to benefits; and that Friendship Lodge should pay such benefits as long as Bro. McBroom produced satisfactory evidence of illness.

From this decision, Friendship Lodge appealed to the S. G. L. claiming that the D. D. G. S. had not notified the Lodge of the investigation, and that opportunity had not been given to submit evidence; and the S. G. L. referred the entire matter back to the Grand Sire for further examination and decision, with instructions to allow Clifton Lodge, No. 181, of Kansas, which had advanced money to Bro. McBroom, to be made a party in the case.

In accordance with these instructions, all parties have received ample notice to submit such evidence and argument as they might deem necessary. Clifton Lodge having notified the Grand Sire that the money advanced Bro. McBroom had been repaid by his family, is not further concerned in the case.

The facts, as shown by certified copies of Lodge records, and duly executed affidavits, are as follows:

Bro. B. G. McBroom was taken ill February 13th, 1891, and remained so until April 5th, 1891, when he recovered sufficiently to consider himself able to resume work, though the evidence shows that he had not fully recovered, and was never able to continue at any kind of work from his first illness till his death. But he consented to being declared well by his Lodge; and so continued until July 17th, 1891, when he again became seriously ill, and was reported to his Lodge. He continued ill and unable to work until his death, June 24th, 1893.

During his first illness, it is not denied that he was in good standing, and a certified copy of his account in the Lodge ledger establishes the fact. But the Lodge paid him no benefits, claiming that he was not too ill to work, and that he was working. Now, when a Brother in good standing is ill, and is under the care of his Lodge, he cannot be refused benefits without an investigation, of which he should receive

notice. (Durfey *vs.* G. L. of Virginia, Journal, pp. 9,328, 9,442.) The evidence shows that the investigation in this case, if any was held, was very slight; and that Bro. McBroom had no notice, and knew of no reason advanced why he should not be paid his benefits.

The evidence, however, shows that the Brother was ill. Affidavits are presented by members of the Lodge that they saw him in his own house engaged in domestic occupations, and also that he had been seen at work in the establishment where he had been employed—the Osage Trading Co.'s store. But the affidavits of his attending physician, and of Mr. Elliott, manager of the Osage Trading Co., declared that he was unable to work, and that he did not work. It is quite probable that on occasions he had been seen engaged in some occupation for a few minutes, both at home and at the store; but that does not prove that he was at work so as to be disqualified for benefit under our laws. (Laura C. Snyder *vs.* Purity Lodge, Journal 1870, pp. 4,873, 4,896, 4,897.) It has been held, also, that positive evidence of physical disability cannot be overturned by negative or presumptive evidence. (Harper *vs.* G. L. Dist. Col., Journal 1886, pp. 10,407, 10,443.) The positive evidence in this case is quite sufficient to prove that during the seven weeks ending April 5th, 1891, Bro. McBroom was entitled to benefits.

Bro. McBroom removed from Krebs to Kansas, in April, and remained with relatives until May, when he returned to Krebs, thinking he might be able to resume work. But he was taken ill again in July; notice was sent to Friendship Lodge, and he subsequently received the amount of two weeks' benefits, after which he was informed that he was not in good standing, and was not entitled to benefits. He removed from Krebs to Kansas in July; was an inmate of several hospitals, and finally died in Oregon; his continuous illness during all this time being clearly proven, and, in fact, not being denied.

During the time of temporary convalescence, from April to July, Bro. McBroom paid no Lodge dues. He makes affidavit that he was informed by a member of the Relief Committee that the Lodge owed him enough to keep him in good standing. But whether that statement was made to him by an authorized officer or not, the fact remains that six weeks' benefits were due him, which should have been placed to his credit. And had they been so placed, he would have been in good standing when again taken ill in July. Where benefits have been withheld from a Brother, either from an erroneous opinion as to his health, or a mistaken construction of law, and whether such action has been acquiesced in by the Brother himself or not, if, on revision of the case, such benefits are decided to be due to the Brother, they must be placed to his credit. And if such credit would make him beneficial for a subsequent illness, the Lodge must allow him benefits for both seasons of disability. (White *vs.* Roger Williams Lodge, Journal 1,857, pp. 2,789,

2,827; and STRONG *vs.* G. L. South Carolina, Journal, pp. 2,808, 2,830; also WHITE'S Digest, 43, 44.)

Friendship Lodge contends that Bro. MCBROOM was debarred seeking relief under the statute of limitation (Const. Subordinates, Art. III., Sec. 8), which requires all claims to be made within thirty days from the termination of the sickness for which they are claimed. The contention is not good. The Lodge Records show the Brother's right to benefits during his first illness was under consideration by the Lodge at the time; and the claim for benefits for the second illness was also made during the time of such illness, and long before its termination.

It is held, therefore, that Bro. MCBROOM was entitled to benefits from February 20th, 1891, to April 5th, 1891, and from July 24th, 1891, to June 24th, 1893, and that his widow is entitled to the funeral benefit.

The By-Laws of the Lodge provide for $5 per week for the first sixteen weeks' continuous illness, $4 per week for the following 26 weeks, $3 for the following 26 weeks, and $2 thereafter; no benefits being paid for the first week. The funeral benefit is $50. This would aggregate $434 benefits due. From this should be deducted dues accrued, $9.90, and the following sums paid: August 13th, 1891, $5; August 20th, 1891, $5; April 20th, 1893, $25; in all, $44.90.

It is therefore ordered that Friendship Lodge, No. 8, of Krebs, Indian Territory, pay to the order of MRS. GRATIA MCBROOM, of Clifton, Kansas, widow of the late Bro. B. G. MCBROOM, the sum of three hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ten cents.

Given at London, Ontario, Canada, this 28th day of March, 1894.

CL. T. CAMPBELL,
*Grand Sire.*

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## EXTRACTS FROM GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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| Receipts from Grand Lodges | $44,025 68 |
| " " Grand Encampments | 8,532 73 |
| " " Subordinate Lodges | 1,148 38 |
| " " Subordinate Encampments | 326 11 |
| " " Sundry Cantons | 103 55 |
| " " Patriarchs Militant | 3,356 05 |
| " " Individuals | 357 65 |
| | $57,850 15 |
| Interest on R. R. Bonds | 1,575 00 |
| Sale of Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Bonds | 14,962 50 |
| Returned by Committee per resolution, page 13,677, Journal 1893 | 70 56 |
| Total Cash paid to Grand Treasurer | $74,458 21 |

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| Ordinary revenue | $57,850 15 |
| Balances (Dr. $1,024.40, Cr. $54.32) | 970 08 |
| | $58,820 23 |
| Amount August 20th, per Journal, page 13,375 | 69,767 39 |
| Decrease for year, August 21st to August 20th, 1894 | $10,947 16 |

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The balance sheet herewith exhibits the Profit and Loss account as follows :

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| Net profit on books | | $ 14,073 90 |
| " " Visiting and Withdrawal Cards | | 14,769 87 |
| " " Rebekah Cards | | 2,436 75 |
| " " Cards for a wife or widow | | 19 04 |
| " " Dismissal Certificates | | 484 65 |
| " " Rebekah Dismissal Certificates | | 28 31 |
| " " Encampment and Lodge Charts | | 629 90 |
| " " Odes—Lodge, etc | | 630 19 |
| " " Prayer Cards | | 8 03 |
| " " Diplomas | | 276 25 |
| " " Rebekah Certificates | | 2 20 |
| " " Veteran Jewels | | 269 19 |
| " " Insurance and Defunct Certificates | | 207 86 |
| " " Patriarchs Militant Supplies, etc | | 1,366 12 |
| Total for Supplies | | $ 35,202 26 |
| Patriarchs Militant Current Account and Arrears | $ 1,039 57 | |
| Interest on Railroad Bonds | 1,537 50 | |
| Representative Tax | 15,800 00 | |
| Dues of Subordinates | 989 10 | |
| Charter Fees | 162 00 | |
| | | 17,528 17 |
| Total amount of credits | | $ 52,730 43 |
| *Debits*—Bills Receivable {P. M. note charged to Profit and Loss account.} | $ 2,000 00 | |
| Petitions for Membership | 5 82 | |
| Annual expenses | 10,472 88 | |
| Sixty-ninth Annual Session | 53,976 67 | |
| Ridgely Monument | 25 00 | |
| Wildey Monument | 25 00 | |
| J. C. Underwood | 283 03 | |
| | | 66,788 40 |
| Net loss | | $ 14,057 97 |

ASSETS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

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|---|---|
| Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer | $ 33,251 25 |
| Railroad Bonds | 30,000 00 |
| Steel and Electrotype Plates | 12,418 85 |
| Library (cost of binding volumes) | 1,198 83 |
| Books, Cards, Odes, etc., at cost | 19,656 43 |
| Paintings and furniture | 10,226 55 |
| Balance due (Dr. $1,024.40, Cr. $54.32) | 970 08 |
| | $107,721 99 |
| Amount August 20th, 1893 | 121,779 96 |
| Decrease | $ 14,057 97 |

RETURNS FOR THE YEARS 1892 AND 1893.

| | Dec. 31st, 1892. | Dec. 31st, 1893. | Increase. | Decrease. |
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| Grand Lodges | 55 | 55 | ..... | ..... |
| Grand Encampm'nts | 50 | 50 | ..... | ..... |
| Subordinate Lodges | 9,936 | 10,295 | 359 | ..... |
| Subord'te Enc'mp'ts | 2,483 | 2,557 | 74 | ..... |
| Rebekah Lodges | 2,913 | 3,292 | 379 | ..... |
| Lodge Initiations | 85,509 | 72,807 | ..... | 12,702 |
| Enc'mp't Initiations | 16,732 | 13,272 | ..... | 3,460 |
| Lodge Members | 747,295 | 780,192 | 32,897 | ..... |
| Encamp't Members | 132,542 | 136,102 | 3,560 | ..... |
| Rebekah Members | 180,869 | 202,442 | 21,573 | ..... |
| Relief by Lodges | $3,015,979 93 | $2,980,378 89 | ..... | $35,601 04 |
| Relief by Enc'mp'ts | 301,801 88 | 289,418 92 | ..... | 12,382 96 |
| Rel'f by Reb'kh Ldgs | 32,675 03 | 43,172 58 | $10,497 55 | ..... |
| Total Relief | 3,350,456 84 | 3,312,970 39 | ..... | 37,486 45 |
| Revenue of Lodges | 7,594,828 58 | 7,547,515 49 | ..... | 47,313 09 |
| Rev'nue of Encmp'ts | 657,781 99 | 650,566 77 | ..... | 7,215 22 |
| Rev'nue R'b'kh Ldgs | 356,520 36 | 312,922 26 | ..... | 43,598 10 |
| Total Revenue | 8,609,130 93 | 8,511,004 52 | ..... | 98,126 41 |

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1893, INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, GERMANY, DENMARK AND SWITZERLAND.

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| Initiations in Subordinate Lodges | 1,947,711 |
| Members relieved | 1,809,045 |
| Widowed families relieved | 209,902 |
| Members deceased | 176,320 |
| Total relief | $ 64,376,265 92 |
| Total receipts | 168,056,287 65 |

CONDITION OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31ST, 1893.

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|---|---|
| Sovereign Grand Lodge | 1 |
| Independent Grand Lodges (German Empire, Australasia, Denmark and Switzerland) | 4 |
| Subordinate Grand Encampments | 54 |
| Subordinate Grand Lodges | 65 |
| Subordinate Encampments | 2,581 |
| Subordinate Lodges | 10,644 |
| Encampment members | 137,221 |
| Lodge members | 806,013 |
| Rebekah Lodges | 3,300 |
| Sisters, members of Rebekah Lodges | 108,732 |
| Brothers, members of Rebekah Lodges | 93,910 |

## CONCLUSION.

Thirty-four years ago, the Grand Lodge of the United States met in the beautiful city of Nashville, Tennessee. It was in September, 1860, that ninety-six Brothers, representing thirty-nine Grand Lodges and twenty-nine Grand Encampments, with a membership of 173,818 in the Lodges and 23,674 in the Encampments, assembled in annual session to transact the business necessary to the welfare of the institution. THOMAS WILDEY, the originator of the Order in the United States, the first Noble Grand, first Grand Master and the first Grand Sire in this country, appeared with his Brethren on that occasion. So, too, came to the session, the veteran, JOHN A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire of New York, and the accomplished and courteous GEORGE W. RACE, Past Grand Sire of Louisiana. The distinguished JAMES L. RIDGELY, Grand Secretary, was also present, occupying his accustomed place at the desk, to record the proceedings of the supreme tribunal of the Order.

Looking at the names of the seven officers recorded as present at the opening of the session on Monday, September 17th, 1860, (the same day of the month that the present session begins) we find that all have disappeared from the active scenes of life. FITZHUGH, RIDGELY, VANSANT, REPITON, TUCKER, LEWYT, CHAMBERLAIN, having finished their earthly labors, laid down the honors and glories, the trials and troubles of official position, and, we trust, have entered the more beautiful and glorious Grand Lodge above.

In the long list of more than one hundred present at the session of 1860, only one, JAMES B. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, then a Representative from Pennsylvania, is with this Body to-day. How well and faithfully he has served the Order during the thirty-four years I need not say. His record as an eloquent, faithful and energetic champion of

the cause he espoused in his youth is too well known to require any elaboration.

Among the active and earnest members at the session, it may not be improper to mention Tennessee's honored and distinguished Representative E. D. FARNSWORTH, who, in 1868, became Grand Sire. He was noted for his activity during the dark days from 1861 to 1865, and his successful efforts to preserve the integrity of the Order in the South. Of his career as the Chief Executive, the record will be found in the printed Journals of this Body, and the particulars of the many important matters that transpired during his administration need not be mentioned here.

In the words of the lamented RIDGELY, "the living of to-day become the dead of to-morrow," and it is doubtful if a dozen of the Representatives in 1860 are now living. New men have taken the places ably filled more than a score of years ago by their predecessors, and the work goes on. The contrast between 1860 and 1894, though worthy of comment, is not surprising. Though, at the meeting of the Body in Tennessee, referred to, the country was on the eve of a revolution that threatened the disruption of the government, and through the exigencies of the times Odd Fellowship languished, so that its most earnest advocates were disheartened, and for four long years there was no meeting with full ranks held by the parent Body, the clouds lifted, and in 1865 the Representatives from every State met once more in Baltimore —a glad and glorious reunion after a long separation.

I beg to be excused for this retrospect, but the subject was alluring, and to many in the Order who are not aware of the situation thirty-four years ago, these few remarks may enlist the attention of the students of Odd Fellowship.

The tables herewith show the result of the labours during the year 1893. We cannot, of course, exhibit such a splendid array of figures, denoting large gains, as the tables of 1892 permitted us to present, but, under the circumstances, the great depression of business in every channel, depriving thousands of our members of the means of obtaining a livelihood, we should be well satisfied with the result. It might have been, and indeed it was generally expected that the outcome would be worse; that instead of a net gain of 32,897 members in Subordinate Lodges, 3,560 in Encampments and 21,573 in Rebekah Lodges during the year 1893, it was feared that a loss in all branches of the Order would have to be recorded.

With the hope that the present session on historic Lookout Mountain in the enterprising city of Chattanoogo, with the beautiful Tennessee River at its base, may be a pleasant occasion for all the members,

and eminently profitable to the entire Brotherhood,

I remain, fraternally yours,

THEO. A. ROSS,
*Grand Secretary.*

Baltimore, Maryland, September, 1894.

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We notice the following appeals, which are of interest to the Order:

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of J. B. CRAWFORD, P. G. Master, from the decision and judgment of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, beg leave to report as follows:

At the last annual session of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the following report was presented upon the legal construction of a certain By-Law of many Subordinate Lodges of that Jurisdiction, on the subject of funeral expenses, to wit:

"BOSTON, August 9th, 1894.

"*To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts:*

"Your committee have had referred to them the following, to report upon the legal construction of the same:

"WHEREAS Article X., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, reads as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Weekly Benefits:* This Lodge shall pay benefits to any of its members who shall become entitled thereto in consequence of sickness or accident, not the result of their own immoral conduct, and who are not indebted to the Lodge for the amount of more than thirteen weeks' dues, nor otherwise disqualified from receiving the same, in such amount per week as may be fixed in the By-Laws.

"SEC. 2. *Funeral Expenses:* In case of the death of a member of this Lodge, qualified as provided in Section 1 of this Article, there shall be paid, from the funds of the Lodge, such a sum, not less than $30, as may be specified in the By-Laws, which shall be used for defraying the funeral expenses; or if said expenses shall be paid by any relative or friend of the deceased, then the said amount shall be paid to such relative or friend; and

"WHEREAS The By-Laws of many Lodges contain the following provision:

"SEC. 4. On the death of any Brother, who is not disqualified by

Art. X., Section 2, of the Constitution, the sum of $50 shall be allowed as a funeral benefit.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to answer the following questions relative to the construction of said law:

"If a Brother die leaving no dependent relatives or widow, and sufficient estate to pay his funeral expenses, is the Lodge bound to pay to any person the amount named in the said By-Law?

"If a Brother die leaving no dependent relatives or widow, and without sufficient estate to pay his funeral expenses, is the Lodge bound to repay to the person paying such expenses, the sum named in the By-Law, irrespective of the fact, whether or not such person is a relative?

"If a Brother die leaving no widow or dependent relative, and his estate is insufficient to pay his funeral expenses, and such expenses are paid either by the administrator of his estate from funds received from other Organizations, or in part from the proceeds of the property of the deceased, is the Lodge then bound to pay the amount named in the By-Law, to such administrator, or to re-imburse any other Organization to which said Brother belonged, and which paid his funeral expenses, or contributed to the fund from which such expenses were paid, or in any way to contribute to such expenses?

"As to the first question, we answer: Yes, as funeral expenses, provided for in the Constitution.

"As to the second question, we answer: Yes.

"As to the third question, we answer: The funeral expenses are to be paid to the person or Organization by which they have been actually paid or incurred."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES Q. TIRRELL,
CHAS. N. ALEXANDER,
EDWIN L. PILSBURY,
CHAS. A. RUSSELL,
JOHN U. PERKINS,
} *Committee.*

The report was accepted and adopted, and JAY B. CRAWFORD, G. Rep., asked permission to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the request was granted.

Your committee, after carefully considering the questions presented, are of the opinion that construing the said By-Law, Section 4, in connection with Section 2, of Article X., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of that State, that the words "funeral benefit," as used in said By-Law, must necessarily mean "funeral expenses"—see Section 103 of White's Digest—and your committee do, therefore, affirm the answers to

the said three several questions, as construed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, with the following modifications and additions :

1st. Your committee adopt the answer to the first question as made. but add thereto, at the end of said answer, the words, "subject to the exceptions referred to in Sections 99 and 100 of White's Digest" ; so that the answer shall read : "Yes, as funeral expenses, provided for in the Constitution, subject to the exceptions referred to in Sections 99 and 100 of White's Digest."

2nd. Your committee adopt the answer to the second question as made, but add thereto, at the end of said answer, the words "subject to the exceptions referred to in Sections 99 and 100 of White's Digest," so that the answer shall read : "Yes, subject to the exceptions referred to in Sections 99 and 100 of White's Digest."

3rd. Your committee adopt the answer to the third question as made, but add thereto, at the end thereof, the proviso :

*Provided*, said deceased Brother is not a member of some other benevolent Organization, which conducts *exclusively* the funeral ceremonies, and buries the Brother at its own expense, and pays the same, under a law or rule of said Organization, entitling the member to have said burial expenses paid. Or, provided, further, said Brother be not buried at the government expense. But where one or more benevolent Organizations unite with this Order in conducting the funeral ceremonies of the deceased Brother, and by the laws or rules of said Organization, said deceased Brother is entitled to have his burial expenses paid, then and in such cases, the Lodge of this Order, of which said Brother was a member, shall pay its proportionate or equal part of the said burial expenses incurred ; but in any such case, where such benevolent Organization, which may have participated or united with this Order, in the conduct of the funeral ceremonies, shall fail or refuse to contribute to the payment of the said funeral expenses for which it is liable, such failure or refusal shall not relieve this Order from its obligation to the deceased Brother to pay the whole, or any part, of said expenses, as the commands of Odd Fellowship must be obeyed, without regard to the action of other Orders.

If the funeral ceremonies of the deceased shall not be conducted by any fraternal or benevolent Organization, other than this Order, of which the deceased was a member, and such organization has paid to the administrator of the estate of the deceased Brother, or to the person actually incurring such expense, a sum sufficient to pay the same, such payment shall not relieve the Lodge of this Order, of which the deceased was a member, from the obligation to pay such administrator, or person, the sum named in its By-Laws to be paid as funeral expenses.

When a Lodge of this Order conducts exclusively the funeral ceremonies of the deceased Brother, it shall pay the whole expenses thereof.

In all the above mentioned cases, funeral expenses shall be held to be limited to the maximum amount fixed by the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

In arriving at their conclusion, your committee have been impressed with the fact that there are numerous kindred Organizations which make provision for the burial of their deceased members, and that questions have already arisen and will constantly arise as to what shall be the rule of conduct to be pursued in providing for the expenses of the burial of the Brethren of our Order who may be members of such other Organizations. And your committee have made their decision to accord with what they consider the scope and aims which our great Order contemplates, and humanity, justice and equity require.

This committee, therefore, submit the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in the above matter, with the modifications and additions hereinbefore set forth, be affirmed and the said appeal be dismissed.

NEW LEGISLATION.

In the absence of local law, or usage established by decisions of Grand Bodies directing otherwise, a payment made upon dues should take effect from the date the same was received by the Permanent Secretary.

It is within the discretion of a Subordinate Lodge to permit the candidate to stand or be seated during the delivery of the Past Grand's charge.

Service for a regular term as Chaplain shall make such officer eligible for election to the office of Vice Grand.

A Brother reported sick to his Lodge and being in arrears was not entitled to benefits, but after paying his arrearages and contracting a sickness nowise relating to the first disability, and being reported to the Lodge as sick, and now being in good standing, is declared entitled to benefits for the second sickness, although he had not been reported off the sick list for his first disability.

A Lodge shall not be permitted to provide for non-payment of a nurse for one of its members when out of its own Jurisdiction, when it provides for hiring nurses for its members who are within its Jurisdiction.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Reps. McClurg and Bonelli, of Mississippi, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge does hereby fraternally recommend the organization of a Past Grand Masters' and Past Grand Patriarchs' Association in each Jurisdiction ; and that among other duties, said Association be requested to write a history of its Grand

Bodies and of the Order in each respective Jurisdiction. "Should such history be published, one or more copies shall be requested to be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, without expense to this Grand Body," which was adopted.

ODES.

The Odes are to be printed on cardboard, with suitable music.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution were all indefinitely postponed.

A new Digest has been ordered, and the sum of two thousand dollars appropriated for same.

The sum of three hundred dollars was voted to procure the flags of all nations where the Order is established.

REBEKAH LEGISLATION.

This very important branch of our Order has a new code of laws for its government, a copy of which we submit.

NECESSITY OF A BELIEF IN A SUPREME BEING.

Your Committee on Foreign Relations have considered the recommendation made in the report of the Grand Sire, that certain parts of the fundamental law of Odd Fellowship be re stated, in order that the same might be better and more fully understood, particularly in Foreign Jurisdictions, into which the Order has been lately introduced, or should be hereafter introduced, Fully concurring in the views of the Grand Sire, and using very nearly his own eloquent language, they submit for your consideration the following resolution, which, in their opinion, covers the subject and contains all the present law as found in White's Digest, Sections 610–611, and also states the law applicable to members who have lost their faith in a Supreme being after their initiation :

*Resolved*, That Odd Fellowship, while it is free from anything of a sectarian character, has always held belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, as a cardinal principle, and has maintained the Fatherhood of God as a doctrine of equal importance with the doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man. Concerning the qualities and attributes of the Divine Father, it has never undertaken to pronounce with authority, nor does it question the moral character and good citizenship of some of those who declare that they have no belief in a Supreme Being. It simply exercises the right of all voluntary associations, to prescribe the qualifications for membership in its own circle. It has always insisted and will insist that belief in such Supreme Being is necessary to attain or retain a place within our ranks. No one should offer himself for membership in our Order who has not this belief; no one should be accepted without it; and no member who loses his faith in such Supreme Being can honestly and consistently remain with us.

A G and Lodge cannot provide for the payment, out of its own funds, of benefits to members of defunct Lodges ; nor can it collect dues from such members for the purpose of paying them benefits.

A Grand Master has no power to consolidate two Subordinates in his Jurisdiction, unless his Grand Lodge has given him power to do so.

An E campment desiring to petition Subordinate Lodges for aid, must first obtain permission from both the Grand Patriarch and the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction.

A P. G. who has been installed Grand Master, but has resigned before his term of office expired, may, in the absence of a P. G. M., or Grand Representative, install the officers of a Grand Lodge, he having taken the obligation of a Grand Master.

The fixing a maximum and minimum amount of benefits to be paid by Subordinates implies a vesting within these limits the exercise of the discretion of the Subordinates, and if the Grand Lodge wishes to change or withhold this discretion from Subordinates, then it should do so by fixing a particular and definite amount to be paid, and not by arbitrarily controlling the matter in dealing with By-Laws passed within and in accordance with the Constitution of Subordinates.

It is violative of one of the most sacred rights of defendants to permit of the use of the same person as witness and judge. Particularly in courts of conscience should all persons be entitled to trial by an impartial jury. In Odd Fellowship, no right is more fundamental than this.

The Constitution of a Grand Lodge may provide that the Grand Lodge officers shall, in the first instance, be voted for by the Past Grands of each Subordinate Lodge, and that, if any nominee for office fails to be elected by the votes cast in said Subordinate Lodges, then the Representatives in attendance at the next session of the Grand Lodge may elect officers for the vacant places, confining their votes to the candidates who have been regularly nominated and voted for by the Past Grands.

A State Grand Lodge, under the present law of the S. G. L., has not the power to compel its Subordinates to become members of General Relief Committees, nor compel them to pay assessments made by such Relief Committees when they may have voluntarily associated themselves with such committee.

When the Constitution of a Grand Lodge provides that the expenses of its elective officers and one Representative from each Lodge to the Grand Lodge in attending, etc., its sessions shall be paid by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge can pay its appointed officers their similar expenses, if it so desires, by resolution.

Where the officers of a Grand Lodge are elected by the votes of the Past Grands in their Lodges, and the votes are to be canvassed by the

Grand Master and a committee selected by him for that purpose, while the Grand Lodge has the power and authority to go behind the returns and investigate any alleged illegalities or irregularities, yet the canvass of the votes having been made and declared in the manner declared by its By-Laws, it is not compelled to do so, and has the right, at its discretion, to make such investigation.

Any person residing in one Jurisdiction and joining a Lodge or Encampment in another Jurisdiction, whose fees for admission to membership, either by initiation or deposit of Card, are less than the minimum fees charged in his own Jurisdiction, shall pay to the Lodge or Encampment he so joins the amount of the minimum fees charged in his own Jurisdiction, and the Lodge or Encampment which he joins shall pay the excess thus collected to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the Jurisdiction in which he resides.

The support of the widows and the education and maintenance of the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows who died in good standing, are not "Charity," but legal obligations. Grand Bodies have the legal right and full power to make reasonable and necessary assessments upon their Subordinates to provide and maintain Homes for such dependents.

Grand Lodges, in Jurisdictions having ten or more Rebekah Lodges, may charter and institute Rebekah Assemblies within their own Jurisdictions, and such Grand Lodges may clothe such Assemblies with such powers, and may surround them with such limitations as they may deem best.

Grand Lodges are authorized to confer upon Subordinate Lodges the right to install their officers in public, provided that the ceremony be conducted by an officer of said Grand Lodge, a District Deputy Grand Master, or by a Past Grand duly authorized by the Grand Master, and provided they use the form prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The expenditure of Lodge funds for music to accompany a parade, or as an attractive feature in connection with and as a part of the prescribed ceremonies, is authorized, subject to such limitations as may be made by local legislation, as a part of the legitimate expenses incident to the celebration of the Anniversary of American Odd Fellowship on April 26th, and no other day ; but the expenditure of Lodge funds for music in connection with a dance or other entertainment, not constituting a part of the regular Anniversary exercises, is neither authorized or permitted by the laws of Odd Fellowship.

The legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Portland, Session 1892, Journal pages 13,016, 13,120, 13,161, warrants and authorizes State Grand Bodies to raise funds by per capita tax or other proper form of tax for the establishing and maintaining Homes.

It shall be lawful for State Grand Bodies, whose Constitutions are

unalterable for a period of time, to so amend their Constitutions as will provide for the levy of a per capita tax upon the members of the Jurisdiction for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and widows of deceased members of the Order, and Homes for the care, protection and education of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

### Ceremony for Memorial Day
### Services for Deceased Members of the I. O. O. F., for use in the Lodge Room.

*(At the appointed time, the members will assemble in their Lodge room, or a suitable hall.)*

Voluntary by the Choir.

Hymn. (Air—"America.")

We sing our honored dead,
And on their tranquil bed
  Proud tribute fling;
Here let our song arise,
Like incense to the skies,
A living sacrifice
  To them we sing.

No voice of woe shall wreathe
Amidst the strains we breathe,
  With grateful breast;
Theirs was a work well done,
Theirs was a race well run,
Theirs was a victory won
  Of peace and rest.

Prayer by Chaplain:

Our Heavenly Lord! As we thus gather, may we be imbued with the joyful spirit of thankfulness for Thy many mercies, as well as solemnity for this hour's devotions.

We remember Thy goodness to us all the days of our life. Give us this day an ear for the orphan's cry and the widow's woe. Help us so to live that we may be worthy followers of those who have passed on before. May we learn our duty to the living as well as proper reverence for the dead.

Let Thine eye be open to all our needs, and Thine ear quick to attend our every cry until we follow our Brethren to that land where all tears are wiped away. We ask in His Name. Amen.

*Noble Grand.*—In accordance with the Proclamation of the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, (or Grand Sire, as the case may be) we have assembled to-day as Odd Fellows to pay loving tributes of respect to the

memory of our deceased Odd Fellows, who, one year ago, were with us, but now have passed beyond the veil.

An enlightened and civilized nation reveres the memory of its dead, and it is fit and proper for all people sometimes to lay aside the cares of life, and wend their way to the silent cities of the dead, to drop the loving tear and strew the flowers of spring upon their graves. And so, we, as members of this great fraternal institution, to-day meet, that our dead may not be forgotten, but that their virtues may be made known and their memory kept green.

Since our last Memorial Day, many of our Brethren and Sisters have departed; their voices are hushed—their chairs are vacant, their last battle has been fought, their warfare has ended, and peacefully they have sunk to rest. I thus call upon you, my Brethren, that we may fittingly spend this hour in commemorating their good deeds, and be fitted when we go hence to emulate their virtues and be ourselves prepared for the great change that awaits us all.

The Secretary will now read the names of the deceased, with suitable biographical sketches.

DIRGE.

*(Here will follow eulogies, if there be any present to deliver them; but if not, the Chaplain shall read or declaim the following:)*

*Chaplain*—My Brethren: Most solemn thoughts have pervaded our every mind, as your Secretary read the list of our members who, one short year ago, aided us in these sweetly sad exercises. Some of them were then in the full glow of health, and were ambitious of further success and usefulness in this world—but they were cut down.

Long may they live in our memory and their bright examples be unto us beacon lights to guide us in the work of Odd Fellowship. In the sharp conflicts of opinion, in the heat of debate, may their hallowed memories hush every unkind word and discordant thought, and span the storm of Controversy with the rainbow promise of peace and love. Sitting at the feet of their shadows, let us treasure the legacy they have bequeathed as a sacred trust, and transmit it to those who shall follow us, beautified, adorned and enriched by their added sacrifice.

Death is the one event that comes to every human being. From real or imaginary evils, we may, in the Providence of God, escape; in this conflict, however, there is no retreat; there is no departure from this world of sin, sorrow and suffering, to the higher and diviner life, but through the gates of death. Neither tears nor anguish, nor breaking heart-strings can avail anything when the fatal summons comes; they are utterly powerless to ward off the grim messenger. All we can do is

to bow before the great affliction and reverently say : "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away ; blessed be the name of the Lord."

The All-Wise Ruler of the Universe has given unto us to know good and evil, and right from wrong, so that we are thus forewarned and forearmed against the possible moral dangers that can accrue to weak humanity, and prepare against that day of reckoning which surely awaits all mankind. Our life here should be made a time of careful and steady preparation—as by our deeds we shall be justified or condemned in that great day.

Friendship fostered in our hearts becomes transformed into the golden chain of Love, which binds us firmly together upon the immovable rock of Truth, the foundation not only of our glorious Order, but of all things that are good and abiding.

Duty, properly performed, becomes a pleasure to the doer, as well as of lasting benefit to the one aided. Our days are numbered, and our end we know not.

"That solemn day will surely come,
The appointed hour make haste;"

and we must all go to face the record of our deeds.

May we, therefore, so live with the approval of our conscience and our God that, whenever we are called, we may enter joyfully the Grand Lodge above.

HYMN. (Air—"Boylston.")

"It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road;
And with the Brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.

"It is not death to close
The eye long dimmed with tears,
And wake in glorious repose
To spend eternal years.

"It is not death to hear
The stroke that sets us free
From dungeon chain, to breathe the air
Of boundless liberty."

PRAYER by Chaplain:

Our Father, so guide us in accordance with these godly admonitions, that we may be taught so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

May we early learn to look only to Thee, the Author of everything

good and perfect, and with Thine approval, so to live while here that in the world to come we may have life everlasting.

Pass by our imperfections, forgive our misdoings, cheer us by Thy presence when we come to enter the Valley of the Shadow, and bring us to Thyself in Heaven for His Name's sake. Amen.

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The committee also recommend the following form to be used when decorating the graves of deceased Odd Fellows:

CEREMONY FOR DECORATING THE GRAVES OF DECEASED BROTHERS.

*(At the appointed time, the members assemble in their Lodge room and form in procession in the manner described in Book of Forms, page 33, [edition of 1891]. For each grave to be decorated, there shall be a Brother appointed to carry a bouquet of flowers, who shall take his place in the procession, according to his rank, as required by the Book of Forms. On reaching the Cemetery, the procession shall form a circle, and halt at a convenient place—the N. G. and Chaplain inside the circle—music [if any] outside and in rear of the officers.)*

DECORATION CEREMONY.

*Noble Grand.*—My Brethren: Before we proceed with the duties of the day, and place over the mortal remains of our departed friends the floral tributes we have brought, let us invoke the Divine blessing.

*Chaplain.*—O, Thou Great and Eternal God, our Father, Creator and Preserver of the Universe, look down and bless us in the solemn services of Decoration Day. Wilt Thou give us grace to emulate the virtues of our Brothers sleeping in peace beneath the silent sod? And while we pay our tribute to their memory, may we never forget that reverence for the dead is best shown by care for the living. Bless the widow and the orphan; and raise them up kind friends in the hour of need. And may we, together with our departed Brethren, gain admittance to the Celestial Lodge above—there to be with Thee forever. Amen.

*Response.*—Amen. So may it be.

*(Appropriate Music—Vocal or Instrumental.)*

*(The procession will then pass around the Cemetery, pausing at each grave to be decorated, so that the N. G., Secretary and Brother bearing bouquets shall be convenient thereto. The Secretary will read from his record the name of the deceased Brother, with such biographical notes as may have been prepared, after which the Brother bearing the flowers shall deposit the same on the grave, and shall recite one of the following)*

SELECTIONS:

1.—The memory of the just is blessed.

2.—After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well.

3.—Peace to the just man's memory; let it grow greener with years, and blossom through the flight of ages.

4.—Love casts a garland on the grave,
That may not blossom more.

5.—Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

6.—The good die not, this heritage they leave—
The record of a life well spent;
For our own loss at parting, though we grieve,
Lives such as theirs build their own monument.

7.—The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth ere gave,
Await alike the inevitable hour—
The path of glory leads but to the grave.

8.—There is no death! What seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is but the suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portals we call death.

9,—There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forever more.

10.—Ah! fevered heart, the grass is green and deep
Where thou art laid asleep;
Kissed by soft winds and washed by gentle showers,
Thou hast thy crown of flowers.
Take now thy rest.

11.—And soon or late to all that sow
The time of harvest shall be given;
The flower shall bloom, the fruit shall grow,
If not on earth, at least in heaven.

12.—He honored manhood by illustrious life;
Guileless and leal, and upright to the end,
A faithful Brother, steadfast, loyal friend—
A hero in man's highest, holiest strife,
The ennobling warfare for self-vanquishment.
Such men die not.

*After the last grave has been decorated, the Brethren will halt at a convenient place, when the N. G. will deliver the following address; or in place*

*of this address, an oration may be delivered by some person selected for the purpose:)*

*Noble Grand.*—My Brethren, we have now performed the duties of the day, and by these simple services have paid a tribute of respect to those of our number who have finished their work on earth. Our Order, instituted for purposes of self-help, and calculated to aid its members in the struggles incident to life, does not allow Death to terminate the fraternal relationships formed within our ranks. After we have carried our deceased Brother to his last resting place in the silent city of the dead, he still retains a claim on our affections. Through his bereaved and orphaned family, he still asks our sympathies and our material aid; and while he has himself passed beyond the need of those kindly benefactions we owe each other in life, he still holds a place in our memory and love.

Here, to-day, surrounded by these tokens of mortality—by the grassy mounds that cover the remains of those that once lived—the monumental tablets that record their history, and the epitaphs that tell their virtues—we are forcibly reminded of the perishable nature of the things of time. "To every man upon this earth, death cometh soon or late." Wealth cannot bribe him to remain away; rank and power cannot shield us from him. No strength of mortal arm can bar his onward march. No prayer can turn aside his stroke. He, alone, is no respecter of persons. The ruddiest cheek pales before his breath; the stoutest heart ceases to beat at his touch, the strongest frame bows and falls before him. As he moves swiftly and silently among the ranks of men, he lays on one and on another his chilling hand, and they fall on either side lifeless and cold. Friends and loved ones may mourn for a brief period of time; but society soon forgets the one whose voice is no longer heard—whose face is no longer seen; and only a few cherish the memory of the departed.

We stand to-day by the graves of our Brethren who have gone to their rest. Some have reposed beneath the sod for years; and their names are almost forgotten by the world. Some have but lately been laid in their silent bed, and warm hearts are still grieving over their death. But for all alike—in sorrow and in love—we have come to awake the tender thoughts of old associations—to recall to mind the virtues of our departed friends—and to lay on their graves the floral offering that shall speak for us, better than words can speak.

And, as there comes to us the thought of lives cut short in the midst of usefulness, let us heed for ourselves the lesson that is taught. If life be so short, and death so sure, how can we be careless of the lives we live, or of the deaths we die? Life is the time to labor; the night comes all too soon, when labor must cease. Waste not the hours—so precious and so fleeting! Work while the day of life may last, so that after life we shall still live in the hearts of our Brethren; in the love of

those we have blessed by kindly words and deeds. So shall our histories be written in colors glowing as the flowers we spread upon our Brothers' graves; and our memories be fresh and fragrant as the perfumes they shed to-day.

Silent are our departed Brethren now; but could their voices come from beneath our feet, for each one of us would they utter this solemn exhortation:

> "So live, that when thy summons comes to join
> The innumerable caravan that moves
> To those mysterious realms, where each must take
> His chamber in the silent halls of death,
> Thou go, not like the quarry slave at night,
> Scourged to the dungeon; but sustained and soothed
> By an unfaltering trust, approach the grave
> Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
> About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

*Chaplain.*—Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to accept this humble service performed in memory of those whose loss we mourn. May we be enabled to emulate their virtues, and meet them again in that land where the links of friendship are not broken by the hand of death. Amen.

*Response.*—Amen. So may it be.

*Chaplain*—The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord give you peace. Amen.

*Response.*—Amen.

*(The procession may then reform and return to the Lodge room.)*

The following resolutions were laid over till next session.

*To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom were referred the preambles and resolution of Rep. CONWAY, of Illinois, which read as follows:

"WHEREAS, The payment of weekly benefits to sick and disabled members is a fundamental principle of our Order; and

"WHEREAS, The object for which weekly benefits are paid is the relief of distress incident to such sickness or disability; and

"WHEREAS, Under the present laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a minimum sum of $2.00 per week for the first year, and $1.00 per week thereafter, is made the foundation for the regulation of the benefit system in Subordinate Lodges; and

"WHEREAS, A much larger percentage of members is paid benefits for periods of three weeks, and less, than those who are paid benefits for periods in excess of that time, the exact figures in the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois for the six months ending March 31st, 1894, being: Number of Brothers paid three weeks' benefits, and under, during a continuous sickness, 2,341; number of Brothers paid benefits for over three weeks' continuous sickness, 1,012; and

"WHEREAS, Subordinate Lodges, being governed by the enactment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, regulating minimum benefits, are largely influenced in the direction of paying a larger weekly benefit for the first few months' sickness, reducing the same thereafter (in many instances to the minimum); and

"WHEREAS, The effect of such a system is that the longer a member is unable to provide for himself and family, the less his weekly benefits become; in other words, the greater his necessity, the less his relief; while, on the other hand, the member who is only disabled for one, two or three weeks—and consequently should not be in need of precuniary relief, is made the recipient of the very benefits that should be held in the treasury for his less fortunate Brother, who may be laid up for many months, and even years; and

"WHEREAS, The question of dues and benefits (looking to a sound financial policy), for the protection of our Subordinate Lodge treasuries, is one that has caused much serious discussion and legislation by this Grand Body, as well as by the various Grand and Subordinate Lodges; and

"WHEREAS, A solution of the whole problem may be found in Subordinate Lodges paying a minimum weekly benefit for the first three or four weeks' continuous sickness (which may be considered largely in the light of accident insurance, rather than the relief of a Brother in distress), and thus accumulate in the Lodge treasury, sufficient funds to at all times properly care for Brothers during any long continued illness, the latter being one of the most sacred obligations imposed upon the Brotherhood. Therefore, for the purpose of suggesting legislation in the above direction, in both Grand and Subordinate Lodges, be it

"*Resolved*, That Subordinate Lodges of the Order may not pay any benefits for the first week, and that a minimum benefit of $1.00 per week shall be paid, commencing with the second week's sickness, during a period of six weeks' continuous sickness, and a minimum benefit of $2.00 per week thereafter, during the continuance of such sickness."

Beg leave to report that, believing that such a radical change in the benefit system of the Order would be both impracticable and inexpedient, they recommend that the resolution be not adopted, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Rep. WALDO, of Colordo, moved the following, the consideration of which, on his motion, was postponed until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That Article XXII., of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

## ARTICLE XXII.

With the exception that all the regalia and jewels purchased before the taking effect of this amended By-Law, and which are in accordance with laws in force at the date of purchase, may be used by any member, Lodge, Encampment, Grand Encampment, or Grand Lodge of this Order, the regalia of this Order shall consist, exclusively, of the jewels hereinafter described.

Each jewel shall be suspended from a hanger, which shall not exceed three and one-half inches in length nor seven-eighths of one inch in width. Such hanger shall consist of three links, which may be of open work, or may be engraved, embossed, or imposed, upon a suitable surface, and may be attached to the clothing of the wearer by a clasp pin, or by a perpendicular pin from the middle of the hanger. The jewel and hanger shall usually be worn over the left breast, though it may be worn on the left lapel of the coat, on the vest, or in any other appropriate position preferred by its wearer.

Except as hereinafter specially provided, all hangers and jewels used in Subordinate or Grand Lodges shall be entirely made of white metal, and each jewel shall be circular in form, shall be attached to its hanger by two connections, (one under each outer link of the hanger) and shall not be more than three inches in diameter. Every jewel for a Past Grand, both for Subordinate and Grand Lodge, shall have a five-pointed star engraved, embossed or imposed upon the circle, which star shall be as large as can be inscribed within the circle, and shall have a point at the top of the jewel.

Except as hereinafter specially provided, all hangers and jewels used in Subordinate and Grand Encampments shall be entirely made of yellow metal, and each jewel shall be attached to its hanger by a single connection between the middle of the hanger and the point of the jewel. For every Past Chief Patriarch, and for every Past High Priest who is lawfully in possession of the Grand Encampment Degree, the jewel (both in Subordinate and Grand Encampment) shall be a double equilateral triangle, (forming a six-pointed star); and for every other officer and member of an Encampment, the jewel shall be a single equilateral triangle. Each triangle (whether single or double) shall not exceed three inches in length of each side.

For an officer or member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or Past Grand Representative or District Deputy Grand Sire, the hanger shall be of yellow metal, and the jewel shall be of white metal, not more than three inches in diameter, and circular in form, having imposed upon it an equilateral triangle of yellow metal as large as can be inscribed within the circle, with a point of the triangle upward; and the jewel shall be attached to the hanger by two connections, the same as a Lodge jewel.

To indicate the Degree or office of the wearer, there shall be engraved, embossed or imposed upon each jewel the proper one of the following emblems, to wit:

For the Initiatory Degree, the All-Seeing Eye.

For the Degree of Friendship, the Bundle of Sticks.

For the Degree of Brotherly Love, the Globe.

For the Degree of Truth, the Scales and Sword.

For the Patriarchal Degree, the Three Pillars.

For the Golden Rule Degree, the Tent.

For the Royal Purple Degree, the Tent with two Crooks, one on each side of the Tent.

For members of a Grand Lodge and all Past Grands, except the Junior Past Grand, officers of the Grand Lodge and District Deputies of Grand Master or Grand Sire, the Scales, of a size which can be inscribed within the pentagon in center of star.

For members of a Grand Encampment and all past Chief Patriarchs, the Tent and Crooks, same as R. P. D.

For members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and Past Grand Representatives, the Seal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, of diameter not exceeding half of the diameter of the white circle.

For officers of Subordinate Lodges: Junior Past Grand, the Heart and Hand; Noble Grand, crossed Gavels; Vice Grand, the Hour Glass, upright; Secretary or Recording Secretary, crossed Pens; Permanent Secretary, a Pen and a Key crossed; Treasurer, crossed Keys; Warden, crossed Axes; Conductor, crossed Wands; Inside and Outside Guardians, crossed Swords; Supporters of N. G., each, a single Gavel; Supporters of V. G., each, an Hour Glass, turned down; Scene Supporters, each, a Torch; Chaplain, an open Bible.

For officers of a Grand Lodge: Past Grand Master, the Sun; Grand Master, the Sun, with Scales; District Deputy Grand Master, the upper half of the Sun (in these last three, the Sun must not be more than half of the diameter of the jewel); Deputy Grand Master, Half Moon; Grand Warden, crossed Gavels; Grand Secretary, crossed Pens; Assis-

tant Grand Secretary, a single Pen; Grand Treasurer, crossed Keys; Grand Marshal a Baton; Grand Conductor, crossed Wands; Grand Guardian, crossed Swords; Grand Herald, a Roman Sword; Grand Messenger, a Package; Grand Chaplain, an open Bible.

For Officers of Subordinate Encampments: Chief Patriarch, the Altar and crossed Crooks; Past High Priest, not having G. E. D., Breastplate, with two Crooks, one on each side; High Priest, Breastplate; Senior Warden, crossed Crooks; Scribe, or Recording Scribe, crossed Pens; Financial Scribe, a Pen and a Key, crossed; Treasurer, crossed Keys; Junior Warden, a single Crook; Inside and Outside Sentinels, crossed Swords; Guide, a Staff; Guards of Tent, each, a Halberd; Watches, each, a Spear.

For officers of a Grand Encampment: Past Grand Patriarch, an Altar, with rays diverging therefrom; Grand Patriarch, an Altar with crossed Crooks; Grand High Priest, a Breastplate; Past Grand High Priest, a Breastplate with two Crooks, one on each side; Grand Senior Warden, crossed Crooks; Grand Scribe, crossed Pens; Assistant Grand Scribe, a single Pen; Grand Treasurer, crossed Keys; Grand Junior Warden, a single Crook; Grand Inside and Outside Sentinels, crossed Swords; Grand Marshal, a Baton.

For officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and District Deputy Grand Sires: Past Grand Sire, the Sun; Grand Sire, the Sun, with Scales; District Deputy Grand Sire, the upper half of the Sun; Deputy Grand Sire, the Half Moon; Grand Secretary, crossed Pens; Assistant Grand Secretary, a single Pen; Grand Treasurer, crossed Keys; Grand Marshal, a Baton; Grand Guardian, Crossed Swords; Assistant Grand Guardian, a single Sword; Grand Chaplain, an open Bible; Grand Messenger, a Package. The Sun, in jewels of P. G. Sires, G. Sire, and D. D. G. Sires shall not exceed half of the diameter of the outer circle.

Except as above specially provided, emblems may be of any size which will not project beyond the circle of circular jewels, or a circle which would circumscribe a jewel not circular.

A Past Grand, who has the Royal Purple Degree, may use a hanger of yellow metal; and a Past Grand who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, may wear suspended from a yellow hanger, a white circle with a yellow, six-pointed star or double triangle inscribed therein, and the Scales (yellow) in the central hexagon.

Any Odd Fellow acting as an officer must wear the jewel of the office in which he is acting; and no one shall wear any jewel indicative of any past official rank, except as above specified; but the jewel of the highest Degree attained, or of the highest past official rank herein specially provided for, may be worn in any Subordinate or Grand Lodge or Encampment in which the Brother wearing the same is entitled to be; and Past Grand Representatives may wear the jewel of that rank,

though they be Past Grand Masters or Past Grand Patriarchs, if they choose to do so.

All emblems for Lodge or Grand Lodge jewels shall be white, and for jewels of Encampments and Grand Encampments and the Sovereign Grand Lodge and D. D. G. Sires shall be yellow.

*Resolved*, That Section 2, of Article XVI., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions may provide by constitutional enactment for the admission of Indians of not more than one-eighth part Indian blood; and *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

*Resolved*, That Article XVI., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by adding thereto the following section, to wit:

SEC. 5. No saloon-keeper, bar-tender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order.

Amend Section 2, Article XVI., of the Constitution of the S. G. Lodge to read:

No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and who are not engaged in the retail traffic of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

*Provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

*Resolved*, That Section 3, Article IX., of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree, and be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing. He must be a member in good standing of a Rebekah Lodge in good standing. And he must reside in the State, District or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Encampment which he represents is located.

No Representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time.

The following were elected officers for the next term :

Bro. J. W. STEBBINS.....Grand Sire.
" F. CARLETON.....Deputy Grand Sire.
" THEO. A. ROSS.....Grand Secretary.
" I. A. SHEPPARD..... " Treasurer.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Bro. J. B. BLANKS.....Grand Marshal.
" F. S. HUNT.....Grand Guardian.
" J. R. HARWELL.....Grand Messenger.
" G. COBURN.....Asst. Grand Secretary.
" J. W. VENABLES.....Grand Chaplain.

The amended Constitution of B. C. was adopted.

Your Representatives were honored by being placed on the following committees:

Representative WALLER, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence; Representative ROBERTS, on Committee for Drawing of Seats; Representative SCOULLAR, on Petitions.

The next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Your Representatives cannot close this their report without thanking you for the honor conferred upon them by electing them your Representatives.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

A. W. SCOULLAR, } *Grand*
R. ROBERTS, } *Representatives.*

*Resolved*, That the Report be received and printed in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge ; further, that pages 19 and 20 of this Report, respecting proposed legislation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Report read from Committee on Distribution, which was adopted.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 12th, 1895.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Distribution recommend the following disposition be made of the subjects presented in the Grand Master's report:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.—Pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5*a*, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, also all the reports of the D. D. G. Masters.

TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.—Pages 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16*a*, 16*b*.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.—Pages 6, 7 and 8.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.—Page 12.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
JAMES CROSSAN,
A. W. SCOULLAR, } *Committee on Distribution,*

Report read from same Committee, which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Report of the Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master during the absence of the Grand Master from the Province, beg leave to recommend that the whole of said Report be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

JAMES CROSSAN,
A. W. SCOULLAR,
JOSHUA DAVIES, } *Committee on Distribution.*

Report read from same Committee, which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Secretary, beg leave to advise the following allotment of the subject matter of said Report:

Pages 1, 2 and 3, with the Abstracts of Reports of Subordinate Lodges, to the Committee on State of the Order.

Pages 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to the Committee on Finance.

Pages 10 and 11 to the Committee on Legislation.

Pages 12 and 13 to the Committee on Appeals.

Paragraph 1, of page 14, to the Committee on Petitions.

Paragraph 2, of page 14, to the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge, to endeavor to secure more expeditious delivery, if possible, of the Revised Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in future.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
JAMES CROSSAN,
A. W. SCOULLAR,
} *Committee on Distribution.*

*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 8 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

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## EVENING SESSION.

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The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8:30 p. m.

After examination of all present, and ascertaining that there was a quorum present, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The following Past Grands were admitted, and received the Grand Lodge Degree: R. Drake, G. Jeeves and A. R. Gauld, of No. 4.

A communication was read from Mr. Savannah, asking permission to photograph the members of the Grand Lodge in front of the Hall to-morrow evening.

*Resolved*, That the invitation be accepted for Friday evening.

The election of Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the Grand Master appointing B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., J. Crossan, P. G. M., and W. McColl, P. G. M., as tellers.

W. E. Holmes, No. 1, was nominated as Grand Master and, there being no other nominee, was declared duly elected.

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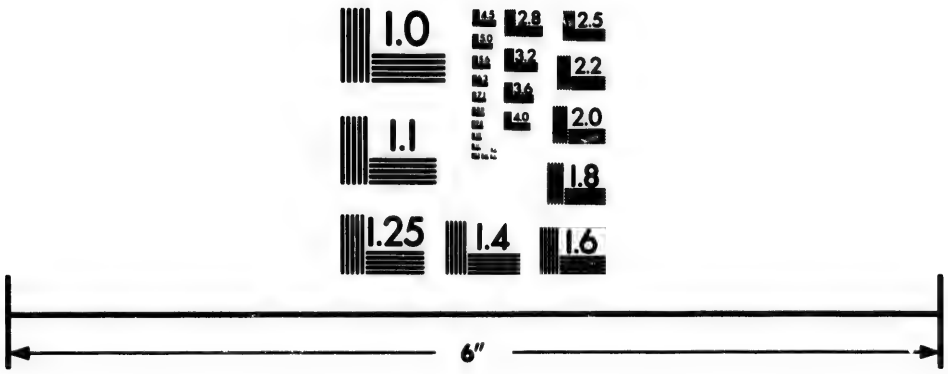


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P. J. Foulds, No. 3, was nominated as Deputy Grand Master and, there being no other nominee, was declared duly elected.

W. H. Morton, No. 5, was nominated as Grand Warden and, no other nominations offering, was declared duly elected.

F. Davey, No. 1, was nominated as Grand Secretary and, being the only nominee, was declared duly elected.

H. B. Gilmour, No. 10, was nominated as Grand Treasurer, and was declared duly elected, no other nomination being made.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, D. Welsh, No. 13, and A. W. Scoullar, No. 8, were nominated.

The ballot was spread, and the following result announced :

Number of votes cast, 95.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., received 56 votes ; D. Welsh, 25 ; and A. W. Scoullar, 13 ; spoiled, 1.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, was declared duly elected for two years.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates presented the following report, which was, on motion, laid over until the receipt and consideration of the Report of the Committee on Appeals :

VICTORIA, B. C., June 12th, 1895.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to submit their report for your approval, respecting the following by-laws and amendments thereto which have been received and approved:

FULL CODES.—Perseverance Lodge, No. 29; Island Lodge, No. 24; Cheam Lodge, No. 28; Pacific Lodge, No. 26; Friendship Lodge, No. 30;

Banner Lodge, No. 31; Amity Lodge, No. 27; Mission City Lodge, No. 32; Cedar Lodge, No. 35; Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

Amendments as follows:

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| Union Lodge, No. 11 | Art. | XIX., Sec. 1—Benefits. |
| Victoria Lodge, No. 1 | " | II.—Duties of N. G. |
| " " " | " | IV.— " Secretary. |
| " " " | " | V.— " P. Secretary. |
| " " " | " | VI.— " Treasurer. |
| " " " | " | X.— " Trustees and Delegates. |
| " " " New | " | IX.— " Physician. |
| " " " | " | XVI.—Membership. |
| " " " | " | XVIII.—Degrees. |
| " " " | " | XX.—Benefits. |
| " " " | " | XXIII.—Cards. |
| " " " | " | XXIV.—Miscellaneous. |
| Island Lodge, No. 24 | " | XVIII., Sec. 1—Benefits. |
| Columbia Lodge, No. 2 | " | XVIII., Sec. 1—Degrees. |
| Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15 | " | I.—Night of meeting. |
| Amity Lodge, No. 27 | " | VI.—Bond of Treasurer. |
| Gold Range Lodge, No. 22 | " | —Dues. |
| Peerless Lodge, No. 33 | " | XX., Sec. 1—Physician's Certificate for benefits. |
| Pacific Lodge, No. 26 | " | X., Sec. 1—Trustees. |
| " " | " | XI.—Visiting and Nursing the Sick. |
| " " | " | XX., Sec. 1—Benefits, Sec. 6, Physician's Certificate. |
| " " | " | XVI., Sec. 3—Cont'ngt Fund. |

New Law General Relief Committee.

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| New Westminster Lodge, No. 3 | " | XV.—Admission Fee. |
| " " " | " | XVII.—Degrees. |
| Royal City Lodge, No. 13 | " | XVII., Sec. 1—Degrees. |
| " " " | " | XX., Sec. 1—Benefits. |
| Western Star Lodge, No. 10 | " | V.—Duties of P. Secretary. |
| " " " | " | VI.— " Treasurer. |
| " " " | " | X.— " Trustees. |
| " " " | " | XVI.—Dues. |
| " " " | " | XVII.—Degrees. |
| " " " | " | XVIII., Sec. 2—Physician. |
| " " " | " | XIX., Sec. 2—Elections. |
| " " " New | | Sec. 3—Arrears. |
| " " " New | | Sec. 4—Nominating absent Brothers. |

Western Star Lodge, No. 10.....Art. XX., Sec. 1—Benefits.
" " " ..... Sec. 2—Immoral Conduct.

Fraternally submitted,

H. WALLER,
JNO. MACMILLAN,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
GAVIN FOWLIE,
} *Committee on Laws of Subordinates.*

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report, which was adopted :

VICTORIA, B. C., June 12th, 1895.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. W. A. JOHNSTONE against the action of Pacific Lodge, No. 26, in granting benefits to Bro. W. J. HARRIS, he not being a member for six months, beg to report as follows:

We find that the Lodge acted according to its By-Laws (as approved by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, on 6th April, 1894) but we would recommend that the By-Laws be amended by striking out, in Article XX., Sec. 1, lines 29 and 30, the words "except members of the late Loyal Pacific Lodge, whose benefits shall commence three months after initiation."

We agree with the appellant that this is a discrimination, and contrary to the fundamental principles of Odd Fellowship.

B. W. SHILES,
WM. McCOLL,
J. EDW. PHILLIPS,
WM. HOGG,
} *Committee on Appeals.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

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## SECOND DAY.

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VICTORIA, B. C., June 13th, 1895.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 9:30 a. m., pur-

suant to adjournment.

After the usual formalities, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business, and the roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The following notice was read and laid over, under the rule :

VICTORIA, B. C., June 12th, 1895.

We hereby give notice that at the next regular session of this Grand Lodge, we will move to amend Section 3, Article II., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by striking out the words "second" and "January," in line 6, and inserting the words "first" and "May" in lieu thereof ; the section to read, when amended, as follows :

SEC. ". Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one representative for its members of fifty or under ; also one representative for every fifty members over and above said first number of fifty members in good standing. Representatives must be Past Grands in good standing, and shall be elected by the Lodge at the first regular meeting in May of each year, to serve one year from the beginning of said Annual Communication. Provided that no new Lodge shall be entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge until it has paid at least one semi-annual tax. Each Lodge shall at the same time elect one alternative for each representative elected, and, in case a representative shall be unable to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, then the alternate receiving the highest number of votes may attend in his place, and have all the powers and privileges of a representative. Vacancies may be filled at any time to serve the remainder of the term.

W. H. GARDINER, No. 27.
A. H. FERGUSON. No. 3.
H. B. GILMOUR, No. 10.

The following bills were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance :

Grand Master, for postage, typewriting etc., $19 ; Grand Treasurer, postage, exchange, etc., $2.25 ; Taylor Mill Co., Victoria, altar for dedication of halls, $15.25 ; J. Sears, Victoria, painting and lettering altar, $5.

The Grand Secretary presented and read the following petition, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation :

VICTORIA, B. C., 1st June, 1895.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

The petition of the Board of Management of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association, of British Columbia, sheweth :

That this Association is composed of about 200 members belonging to Lodges subordinate to your Grand Body. That it was organized on 1st April, 1884, by legislation of the annual session of the Grand Lodge, held in February, 1884, as an Auxiliary Endowment Benefit Association of the Grand Lodge of B. C., and was operated as such under the immediate control of the Grand Lodge, until your last session, when it was partially severed from the Grand Lodge and constituted a semi-independent organization, but still subject to your supervision, inasmuch as your three principal officers are *ex officio* directors, and a report of its proceedings has to be submitted, and any change in its rules must be approved by your Grand Body.

We regret that the prosperity which was prophesied would ensue when this change was effected has not been fully realized. This, no doubt, is mainly attributable to the dull times we have been experiencing; but we are convinced that it is largely owing to the licensing by the Grand Lodge officers, since your last meeting, of a rival institution to do business in this Jurisdiction, and to the active interest taken by our Grand Master on behalf of this competitor, and to the ungenerous and damaging remarks respecting our Association, which, we are informed, he and other agents have thought fit to make to members when canvassing on behalf of the institution they represent.

We have pointed out to Bro. GRAY that his conduct in this respect was, we conceived, incompatible with his position as Grand Master and as a director of this Association, but, we regret to say, that pecuniary considerations appear to have had more weight with him than our representations.

We submit, that, as the offspring of the Grand Lodge, our Association is entitled not only to your sympathy, but also to your protection and fostering care, especially just now when we are started out, as it were, to do business on our own account. We would, therefore, respectfully request that you will pass a resolution at the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge, directing that no licenses be issued to any insurance association or company to do business in this Jurisdiction.

We claim that our Association is identically the same as that organized in 1884; and as our operations are confined entirely to this

Province, that by decisions Nos. 32 and 33 of the Grand Sire, 1893, we are not required to take out the insurance certificate.

I am, dear sirs and brothers,

Yours fraternally,

On behalf of the Board of Management,

FRED'K DAVEY,
*Secretary-Treas.*

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, accompanied by necessary documents, asking that a certificate be granted the Association to enable it to do business in this Jurisdiction. On motion, the communication was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

It was moved and seconded—That that portion of the Grand Master's report containing a decision respecting the use of a guide to the Secret Work be entered on the Secret Journal. This motion was declared lost, on being submitted to the vote.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of Bro. C. F. Yates, P. G., submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

Whereas Grand Sire CAMPBELL, in his annual address to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at the session of 1894, called special attention to the desirability of each Jurisdiction providing Homes and Orphanages; that part of his address reading as follows:

HOMES AND ORPHANAGES.

"And in no department of our work has there been so decided progress as in making provision for the aged members and orphaned children. As our Order grows older, the number of our members who, from the misfortunes of age, become dependent upon us, must increase, and increase rapidly. Many of them have borne the burdens of others in days gone by, and have performed faithfully all the duties which the Order devolves upon its members. Now, in the evening of life, where shall they turn for refuge and rest, save to the sheltering arms of Odd Fellowship? Not less urgent are the claims of the children of our deceased members. 'To educate the orphan' has been one of the great commands of our laws; but the one least obeyed. We have been too much inclined to regard it in its literal terms, and to think that its

requirements have been met by the education that the State provides for all. But education means more than this. It means moral as well as mental training; it means the care of body, mind and soul. 'To educate the orphan' means that the Order should exercise parental guardianship over those whom death has made fatherless; and our benevolent mission in society is not complete where we fail to accomplish this work.

"It is gratifying to notice that we are not altogether neglecting our duty in this connection, though there is still room for improvement. I have had the pleasure of inspecting an orphanage in Lincoln, Ill., where some eighty children are under the guardianship of our Brethren in that Jurisdiction, in an institution complete with every appliance requisite for that purpose. New York has provided an additional Home, which I was permitted to formally open only a few days ago. Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Kansas, Texas, Wisconsin and New Jersey have excellent Homes for the aged and for the orphans, in active operation, while many other Jurisdictions are accumulating funds for this laudable work. I commend it to the earnest consideration of our Brethren everywhere, and trust the time is not far distant when ample provision will be made for all those who need our care."

And whereas the Committee on the State of the Order to whom that part of Grand Sire CAMPBELL'S address was referred, reported thereon, commending the subject "to the Odd Fellows of all Jurisdictions as one of, if not the most, beneficent features of our great institution"—(S. G. Lodge J., p. 277);

And whereas the question of the advisability of forming a fund that may in time be further augmented by such action as this Grand Lodge and its Subordinates may hereafter determine has frequently been discussed by members of the Order, and the nucleus of a fund has, by voluntary subscription on the anniversary of the Order, 1894, already reached the sum of $96;

Therefore, Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does most heartily approve and endorse such proposition, and recommend the matter to all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and urge upon them the desirability of using every effort consistent with the laws of the Order, to further increase this fund.

Further Resolved, That the Funds already collected and now deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary be set apart and known as "The Odd Fellows' Home Fund," and held by this Grand Lodge as a trust fund towards the building of an Odd Fellows' Home in this Province, when, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the time is opportune and funds are in hand sufficient to warrant such action.

The Report of the Committee on Laws of Subordi-

nates laid over last evening, was taken from the table and on motion, adopted.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report :

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Appeal of David Green against the action of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, in refusing him benefits and expelling him from membership, August 21st, 1891.

This case was before this Grand Lodge at its session of 1893. The Grand Master at that time says in his official report, see proceedings, page 1006, "Received this appeal March 30th, 1892. Bro. Green has "not complied with Sec. 4, Rule 1, Constitution of Subordinates, viz.:— "All appeals shall be presented within twenty days from the action "of the Lodge appealed from. I therefore rule that the appeal is out "of date."

This decision was approved by the Committee on Appeals, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, see proceedings, page 1061.

Bro. Green next presented his appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session of 1893, and the following report of the Committee on Petitions adopted.

"That after a careful examination of said petition we find a serious " discrepancy in the statements therein presented, and your committee "having no opportunity to ascertain the facts would respectfully recom- "mend that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to forward "said petition and papers connected therewith to the Grand Lodge of "B. C. with instructions to look into the case so that all parties con- "nected therewith may have a proper hearing, and the case determined "accordingly."

Through some delay in the transmission of the above papers they were not received in time for their consideration by this Grand Lodge at its last session.

Upon examination of the papers alluded to, your committee find no statement from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, regarding the case, nor a report from Trial Committee.

We believe, that in order to fully carry out the instruction of the Sovereign Grand in this matter, it would be advisible to refer the whole case back to Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for a re-hearing.

We would, therefore, respectfully ask sanction to this proceeding.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. W. SHILES,
WM. McCOLL,
WM. HOGG,
} *Appeal Committee.*

*Resolved*, That the report be received and laid on the table, and that a Special Committee of five be appointed to investigate the case of David Green *vs.* Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and report at this session.

The Chair appointed the following committee :

J. Crossan, P G. M., No. 5 ; T. F. Neelands, No. 8; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3 ; F. G. Peto, No. 30 ; J. H. Stirrett, No. 25.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following Report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Judiciary having carefully examined the portions of the Grand Master's Report referred to it, beg to report as follows:

recommend that the decisions of the Grand Master and those of his deputies be approved.

We also recommend that the action of the Grand Master, in refusing permission to the Grand Lodge of Wyoming to solicit aid from the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction and also in refusing permission to Cheam Lodge, No. 28, to meet every other week, be approved. Further, that all the permissions and dispensations granted by the Grand Master be approved.

We concur with the suggestion of the Grand Master, in the case of Bro. GEO. SMITH *vs.* Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, that it had better be left in the hands of North Star Lodge, No. 48, Campbelton, N. B.

A. G. DAY,
A. R. MILLER,
E. G. PANNELL,
} *Committee on Judiciary.*

Report read from the Committee on Appeals, which was, on motion, adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Appeal of GEORGE FRASER against the action of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, in adopting the Trial Committees Report, recommending that he be

expelled for contempt of Lodge, he not having attended the meeting of said Committee.

The appeal is taken on the following grounds :

1st. That the Trial Committee was not properly elected by ballot.

2nd. That he did not receive the notice of Trial Committee meeting one week before the date of trial.

3rd. That he did not receive a copy of the charges.

4th. That the Committee failed to act within one month after the case was placed in their hands.

5th. That he was prevented by sickness from attending, and notified the Secretary of Committee to that effect.

6th. That the Lodge should have taken the same action with the accuser, as he failed to attend.

7th. That the copy of Trial Committees report given him by the Secretary of the Lodge is not dated, no time stated when it was received by the Lodge, nor no date given when it would be considered.

In answer to the above objections, the Committee on Appeals find the following :

1st. That the Trial Committee was regularly elected.

2nd. That the Secretary of Trial Committee posted notice of meeting of Trial Committee, instead of serving personally or leaving at residence of accused, as required by Rule 5, Sec. 1, Code of Procedure.

3rd. That there is no documentary evidence before your Committee to show that a copy of the charges was served on the accused, as required by Rule 4, Sec. 1, and in accordance with Form 2 of Section 5. The Lodge simply certifies that the charges were duly entered upon the Minute Book.

The Lodge claim, however, that the accused did receive such a copy, but bring no proof to show how or when. Bro. Fraser, on the other hand, makes affidavit before a notary public that he did not receive a copy of charges.

4th. The Trial Committee was elected on Dec. 1st, 1893 ; met to try the case Jan. 3rd, 1894, and the Lodge received the report of same at its regular meeting Jan. 5th, 1894 ; acted on same and adopted the report January 19th, 1894.

5th. The Lodge claim that the Secretary of Trial Committee met the accused shortly before the meeting of Trial Committee took place, and stated to the Committee that the accused was not so sick but what he could attend the meeting ; but there is nothing in the minutes of the Trial Committee, as presented to your Appeal Committee, to show that the

Secretary ever made such a report to the Trial Committee. Bro. FRASER claims he was sick, unable to attend, and notified the Committee of such sickness, and he makes affidavit to that effect.

6th. The accuser was represented by counsel.

7th. The Lodge merely states that a copy of the Committee's report was sent to Bro. FRASER.

After due consideration, your Committee consider objections 2, 3 and 5, as raised by the appellant, to be the only questionable grounds for appeal, and that the requirements of the Code of Procedure on these points were not regularly complied with, and would recommend that, in consideration of the great discrepancies in the two statements of the parties concerned, and in view of the fact that the Brother was not tried upon the main issue of the case, that the whole matter be referred back to the Lodge for a new trial.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. SHILES,
J. EDW. PHILLIPS,
WM. McCOLL,
WM. HOGG,
*Committee on Appeals.*

Report read from the same Committee, which was adopted.

VICTORIA, B. C., June. 12th, 1895.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Appeal of D. F. FEE against the action of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, in expelling him from membership for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, in that he did sell to an Indian several bottles of whiskey, being a direct infraction of the laws of the land.

Your Committee find that Bro. FEE was convicted in a criminal court of the above offence, and fined one hundred and fifty dollars or three months' imprisonment.

The only excuse Bro. FEE puts in is short-sightedness, in taking his customer to be a half breed.

We find that the trial was conducted lawfully, and all papers relating to the same properly and correctly placed before your Committee, for which we wish to compliment the Secretary of Columbia Lodge, No, 2.

Your Committee recommend that the action of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, be sustained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. W. SHILES,
J. EDW. PHILLIPS,
WM. McCOLL,
WM. HOGG,
*Committee on Appeals.*

Report read from the same Committee.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. E. DICKINSON against the action of Acme Lodge, No. 14, in paying St. Joseph's Hospital the sum of thirty-five dollars ($35), for which no value was received, beg to report.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The particulars of this case are briefly as follows:

Acme Lodge, No. 14, placed Bro. HANSEN in St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment. In payment for said treatment, it was agreed by all parties concerned that Bro. HANSEN was to hand over to the matron of hospital his weekly benefits. No responsibility was to be attached to the Lodge. The Brother fulfilled the agreement for some time, but finally stopped his payments and left the hospital, owing the institution five weeks' nursing, amounting to $35.

At a regular meeting of Acme Lodge, an order was drawn for $35, in payment of Bro. HANSEN's indebtedness to St. Joseph's Hospital; hence this appeal.

The Lodge acknowledges that they did not act legally in the matter, but viewed morally and for the good of the Order, they decided to pay the account.

Your Committee have fully considered the case; and while recommending that the appeal be sustained, in view of the fact that the money cannot be very easily recovered and that the Lodge acted in good faith towards the Order, we would suggest that the matter be dropped and that no precedent be taken from the case.

B. W. SHILES,
J. EDW. PHILLIPS,
WM. McCOLL,
WM. HOGG,
*Committee on Appeals.*

Moved and seconded that the report be received and adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment, that the report be received and amended by striking out all the

words after the word "and" in first line of last paragraph and substituting the words, "recommend that the appeal "be dismissed and the action of 'Acme' Lodge be sus-"tained;" which was concurred in.

The Special Committee appointed last session to investigate the appeal of J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., *v.* Dominion Lodge, No. 4, presented the following report which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Special Committee appointed to investigate the appeal of Bro. J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M. against Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for benefits claimed by him on account of his illness in the early part of 1892, and withheld by the Lodge. Having examined all documents submitted to us from the Grand Lodge, the records of Dominion Lodge, and all papers furnished by Bro. Wriglesworth, and having heard a statement from the Brother, also from Bro. Thos. Bamford, Secretary of No. 4 Lodge, of such matters as they deemed pertinent to the case, beg leave to report and find as follows:

Bro. J. Wriglesworth claims that he was taken ill on the 10th day February, while attending the Grand Lodge at Nanaimo, and was sick up to April the 7th, when he was so far recovered as to attend to his usual occupation for three weeks up to April the 28th. That he was again taken sick and remained so up to May 19th, an additional sickness of three weeks.

Dominion Lodge refused to pay Bro. Wriglesworth any benefits on account of either sickness, as he was not in good standing when taken sick, and they considered the second a continuation of the first.

The case having been referred to the Grand Master he decided that Bro. Wriglesworth was not entitled to benefits, he not having been in good standing at the commencement of his sickness, his contention that he was well for three weeks between the two periods of illness in question not having been sufficiently established, and that he neglected to notify his Lodge of his being well during that time and that his sickness should therefore be considered continuous sickness.

Bro. Wriglesworth contends, first, that he is entitled to benefits for his first sickness because he had a certificate of good standing which admitted him to the Grand Lodge.

We find that this certificate was issued in January, 1892, and that he was in good standing at that time, but that when taken sick in February he was out of standing, and therefore not entitled to benefits.

Bro. Wriglesworth contends, secondly, that he is entitled to benefits, because he was not notified by the Secretary that he was in arrears.

We find the second contention not good, as according to Article IV., Sec. 4, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, a Brother must be in arrears before it is the duty of the Secretary to notify him.

Bro. Wriglesworth contends, thirdly, that he was well, and attending to his usual business for three weeks. And that, previous to this time, he paid five dollars dues, and therefore was in good standing at the time of his second sickness.

We find the third claim to be good, as Bro. Wriglesworth sustained it by good evidence. Therefore, he is entitled to three weeks' sick benefits, on account of his second sickness—See Section 39 of White's Digest.

We find there is no record of Bro. Wriglesworth being reported well on the books of Dominion Lodge, after his first sickness.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the Visiting Committee were remiss in their duty, in not properly visiting and reporting in this case. We are also of the opinion that this trouble might have been averted, if Bro. Wriglesworth had availed himself of his privilege as a member of the Lodge. We, therefore, offer the following for adoption :

That the appeal of Bro. J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M., for sick benefits, for the first period of sickness, be dismissed ; that his claim for the second sickness be sustained, and that Dominion Lodge, No. 4, be directed to pay Bro. Wriglesworth the sum of thirty dollars for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

C. W. ROSS,
JNO. MACMILLAN, } *Committee.*
JOSEPH SEARS,

The Committee on Appeals presented the following report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Appeals, having examined that portion of the Grand Master's report referred to it, regarding the appeal for assistance by Northern Light Lodge, of Fargo, North Dakota, beg leave to report that we are pleased to note the liberal manner in which the different Lodges in this Jurisdiction responded to the call for help in this case.

Your Committee understand that the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its last session, directed the Grand Lodge of North Dakota to cause to be returned to the various Jurisdictions contributing *pro rata* such portion

of the funds received as were not used for legitimate purposes.

W. H. MORTON,
WM. McCOLL,
J. EWD. PHILLIPS,
WM. HOGG,
B. W. SHILES,
} *Committee on Appeals.*

The Committee on Finance presented the following Report, which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the bills of the Taylor Mill Co. and J. Sears, for altar, beg leave to report that they have enquired into the matter, and find it was compulsory to have the altar, in order that the Hall might be dedicated in a proper manner, and that it is now the property of the Grand Lodge. We, therefore, recommend that the bills be paid.

A. H. FERGUSON,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
A. A. FARWELL,
} *Committee on Finance.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 8 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly,

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## EVENING SESSION.

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The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8:30 p. m., and, after the usual preliminaries, was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Committee on Petitions presented the following Report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the following petitions, beg to report that the law has been complied with in each case, and recommend that charters be issued accordingly.

Pacific Lodge, No. 26, at Vancouver, B. C.

Amity Lodge, No. 27, at New Westminster, B. C.

Cheam Lodge, No. 28, at Agassiz, B. C.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, at Northfield, B. C.

Friendship Lodge, No. 30, at Nanaimo, B. C

Banner Lodge, No. 31, at Wellington, B. C.

Mission City Lodge, No. 32, at Mission City, B. C.

Peerless Lodge, No. 33, at Victoria, B. C.

Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34, at Golden, B. C.

Cedar Lodge, No. 35, at Cedar, B. C.

Bethel Rebekah Lodge, No. 7, at Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, B. C.

Also that Duplicate Charters be issued to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Chilliwack, and Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 4, Chilliwack, the originals having been unfortunately destroyed by fire.

We also recommend that a Charter be granted to members of Tatina Lodge, when they are in a position to institute a Rebekah Lodge at Kamloops, B. C.

JAMES CROSSAN,
F. S. WHITESIDE,
WM. B. TOWNSEND,
J. J. McDONALD,
A. HENDERSON,
*Committee on Petitions.*

The following Report was read from the Committee on the State of the Order, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the D. D. G. Master submitted to them, and would recommend their adoption.

They are glad to note there is an improvement in the number of reports from the D. D. G. Masters, but they find that there are three reports short from Districts numbered 6, 12 and 18, and they would recommend the incoming Grand Master to urge upon the D. D. G. M. the necessity of having their reports in on time in the future.

A. PARKER,
A. W. SCOULLAR,
E. C. DAVISON,
GEO. H. W. ASHWELL,
G. A. MILLER,
*Committee on State of the Order.*

Report read from same Committee, which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report that they have examined those parts of the reports of the Grand Master submitted to them, and are pleased to note the increase numerically and financially in the Order in this Jurisdiction, and would recommend their adoption.

A. PARKER,
A. W. SCOULLAR,
E. C. DAVISON,
G. A. MILLER,
G. ASHWELL,
*Committee on State of the Order.*

The Special Committee on Statistics presented the following Report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Special Committee, appointed last session on the recommendation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to collect statistics from the reports of the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction during the past ten years bearing on the question of dues and benefits, beg leave to present herewith, in tabulated form, the result of our labor, as fully as the data at our command will permit. Some of the details being unobtainable, we recommend that the forms of reports from the Lodges be so amended in future as to furnish all the required information.

Your Committee do not deem it advisable at present to make any suggestions on the vital question of the proper relation that should exist between dues and benefits in this Jurisdiction. During the ten years under review, both the number of Lodges and the membership have increased five-fold; whereas, in the preceding ten years, they were almost stationary. This large influx of members, principally young men, has very materially affected the question at issue, and the reduction shown in the table of "Average Sickness per Member" and "Average Cost per Member for Relief" is mainly attributable to this fact. For this reason, we do not consider it safe to base conclusions for the future on this data.

We fully agree with the propositions laid down in the report of the Committee on Dues and Benefits to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; but we do not feel justified at present, from the facts before us, to recommend the adoption in this Jurisdiction of the legislation advocated by the Committee, viz: That not more than one-half the amount of the yearly dues shall be allowed for one week's benefits, and that the funeral benefit shall not exceed five times the amount of one year's dues.

The adoption of the former proposal would be too radical a change in the present system in vogue in this Province, and scarcely warranted by the result of the table of experience submitted, and the latter benefit, in many of our Lodges, is provided for by a special assessment on the members.

We would, therefore, recommend that our Grand Representatives be instructed to vote against this proposed compulsory legislation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that a similar committee to the present one be appointed to tabulate like facts for succeeding years.

H. WALLER,
WM. McCOLL,
FRED'K DAVEY, } *Special Committee.*

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## *ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.*

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

| Year. | Members. | No. Sick. | Weeks Benefits Paid. | Deaths. | Amount Paid For | | | | | | Average | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Sick Benefits. | Funeral Expenses. | Widowed Families. | Relief and Educat'n Orphans. | Special Relief. | Total Relief. | Sickness per Member. | Cost per Membr for Total Relief. | Cost per Membr for Current Expenses. |
| 1884 | 546 | 86 | 457 | 14 | $ 4,623 50 | $ 860 00 | $330 00 | ..... | ..... | $ 5,822 50 | 5¾ days | $10 66 | $7 62 |
| 1885 | 614 | 101 | 526 | 11 | 4,758 00 | 740 00 | 204 00 | ..... | ..... | 5,772 50 | 6 days | 9 40 | 5 29 |
| 1886 | 700 | 106 | 662 | 6 | 5,774 75 | 542 00 | 228 00 | ..... | ..... | 6,544 75 | 6½ days | 9 35 | 8 07 |
| 1887 | 802 | 114 | 658 | 22 | 5,446 75 | 1,635 00 | 610 00 | ..... | ..... | 7,711 75 | 5¾ days | 9 61 | 9 57 |
| 1888 | 890 | 116 | 786 | 10 | 5,912 75 | 780 00 | 160 00 | 95 00 | ..... | 6,947 75 | 6 days | 7 80 | 7 07 |
| 1889 | 1,017 | 128 | 893 | 12 | 7,455 50 | 875 00 | 170 00 | $ 7 15 | ..... | 8,542 65 | 6 days | 8 40 | 6 27 |
| 1890 | 1,202 | 132 | 959 | 6 | 8,057 50 | 612 50 | 151 60 | ..... | ..... | 8,821 60 | 5½ days | 7 34 | 6 96 |
| 1891 | 1,430 | 171 | 1,100 | 13 | 9,525 70 | 881 50 | 120 00 | 50 00 | ..... | 10,567 20 | 5⅓ days | 7 39 | 8 47 |
| 1892 | 1,954 | 205 | 1,164 | 13 | 9,675 90 | 1,106 00 | 300 00 | ..... | ..... | 11,403 70 | 4 1-6 " | 5 84 | 9 55 |
| 1893 | 2,154 | 247 | 1,279 | 13 | 10,450 60 | 1,116 00 | 397 00 | 145 00 | $774 00 | 12,882 60 | 4 1-6 " | 5 98 | 7 48 |

Average sickness per member, 5½ days.
Average cost per member for total relief, $8.17.
Average cost per member for current expenses, $7.63.

## *ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,*

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

| Current Expenses of Lodges. | Total Cost per Member for all Lodge Expenditures. | Total Receipts. |
|---|---|---|
| $ 4,161 00 | $18 28 | $11,391 43 |
| 3,250 38 | 14 69 | 13,972 32 |
| 5,652 86 | 17 42 | 13,621 00 |
| 7,674 54 | 19 18 | 17,616 06 |
| 6,291 06 | 14 87 | 18,087 16 |
| 6,377 46 | 14 67 | 18,868 58 |
| 8,367 74 | 14 30 | 24,721 79 |
| 12,107 37 | 15 86 | 29,591 26 |
| 18,660 41 | 15 39 | 41,146 92 |
| 16,111 97 | 13 46 | 42,480 02 |
| | Average, $15.81. | |

Invitations were read from the Clerk, on behalf of the Municipal Council, Kamloops, to hold the next session of this Grand Lodge in that city ; also from Cheam Lodge, No. 28, to hold the session at Agassiz.

It was moved and seconded—That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held at Nanaimo.

Moved and seconded, as an amendment—That the word "Nanaimo" be struck out, and the word "Kamloops" substituted.

Moved and seconded, as an amendment to the amendment—That the word "Nanaimo" be struck out, and the word "Agassiz" substituted.

The question being the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, it was declared lost.

The amendment was also put and declared lost.

The original motion was then put, and declared duly carried.

A. W. Scoullar, Grand Representative, moved the amendment to Sections 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Article VI., of the Grand Lodge Constitution, of which notice was given last session, increasing the number composing the Standing Committees from three to five, which was duly seconded and carried.

A. W. Scoullar, Grand Representative, by consent, withdrew his notice of motion, given last year, to amend Section 5, Article IV., of the Grand Lodge Constitution respecting bond of Grand Treasurer.

Rep. A. Parker, No. 8, presented following notice of motion:

We beg leave to give notice that at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge we will propose the following amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution.

A. PARKER, Representative No. 26.
G. A. MILLER, " No. 19.
P. W. DEMPSTER, " No. 2.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 5. Amend by striking out the word "February" in line 8, and substituting "June"; also, strike out the words, "previous to installation" after the words, "he shall" in line 11, add after the word, "duties" at end of clause "but in the event of his not furnishing proper bonds, "he shall not be permitted to receive any monies of this "Grand Lodge, but the office shall be declared vacant by "this Grand Lodge if in session; if not, then by the "standing committee, and such steps shall be taken to "fill the office as laid down in Article V, Sec. 4."

Will read when amended, as follows:

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 5. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take

charge of the monies of the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge; make such investments of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct; keep his accounts in such a manner as will exhibit the resources and amount of receipts, and by whom paid, the purposes and amount of disbursements, and to whom paid; have his accounts closed up on the Saturday preceding the second Monday in June, annually, and submit them to the Finance Committee, and transmit by the Grand Secretary, annually, to the Subordinates an exhibit of his accounts. He shall attend all regular sessions of the Grand Lodge; he shall give bonds to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia in such form and penalty as shall be approved of, for the faithful performance of his duties, but in the event of his not furnishing proper bonds, he shall not be permitted to receive any monies of this Grand Lodge, but the office shall be declared vacant by this Grand Lodge if in session; if not, then by the standing committee, and such steps shall be taken to fill the office as laid down in Article V, Sec. 4.

The Committee on Legislation presented following Report, which was, on motion. received and ordered to be considered *seriatem :*

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the following several matters, beg leave to report as follows:

I. ALBERTA LODGE.

With respect to the enquiry made by Alberta Lodge, No. 1, Calgary, as to the cost that would be incurred by their Lodge in affiliating with the Grand Lodge of B. C. We would say, in respect to this matter, that this Jurisdiction, being already sufficiently large, it would not be advisable to entertain any proposition in this connection. We would refer Alberta Lodge, No. 1, to Sec. 1,392, White's Digest.

II. ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

In respect to the sum of $96 collected at a public meeting, held in this city April 28th, 1894, to form the nucleus of a fund to build and equip an Odd Fellows' Home in this Province, and which sum is now in the Dominion Savings Bank in the name of the Grand Secretary, we commend the object in view, and suggest that the money be set apart and known as the "Odd Fellows' Home Fund," and be held by this Grand Lodge in trust, in the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, towards the building of an Odd Fellows' Home in this Province.

III. ODD FELLOWS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

Regarding the communication from the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada, asking permission to do business within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of B. C., we would say, that, as the above association has complied with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, sessions 1892 and 1893, permission must be granted by this Grand Lodge to permit the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada to operate in this Province for one year, commencing July 1st, 1895, and ending June 30th, 1896.

IV. B. C. ODD FELLOWS' INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

In reference to the petition of the Board of Management of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of B. C., we would say that it is absolutely necessary for this Association to take out the necessary Insurance Certificate through the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in order to do legitimate business in this Province. See pages 13,645, 13,648, Journal of Proceedings, S. G. Lodge, 1892.

V. BENEFITS.

In regard to the proposed change by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the minimum benefits of two dollars to one dollar per week and the non-payment of benefits during the first week's sickness, as referred to in the Grand Representative's Report, our opinion is that this would be too radical a change, and that our Grand Representatives be instructed to vote against the change as proposed.

VI. REGALIA.

Respecting the proposal made at the Sovereign Grand Lodge in regard to a change in our Regalia, we have fully considered this matter, and believe that it would not be advisable to make any change in this connection, and that our Grand Representatives be instructed to vote against such a change

WM. McCOLL,
ALEXR. MACKENZIE,
GILBERT MUNROE,
WM. HODSON,
J. CALLIN,
} *Committee on Legislation.*

Clause I., *re* affiliation with this Grand Lodge by Lodges outside the Province, was adopted.

Clause II., *re* Odd Fellows' Home, was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of this report be deferred until to-morrow.

It was, on motion, *resolved*, That the use of this Hall be granted to the ladies of the Rebekah Degree to-morrow afternoon, from four to six o'clock.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report, which was adopted :

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

In the matter of the appeal of J. H. Matheson, P. G. of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, against the decision of said Lodge in regard to the election of officers, in December, 1894, the question is on the legality of the officer presiding at the election, he being in arrears at the time, we find that no objection was raised at the time, and therefore, we consider the election legal, and endorse the decision of the Grand Master on the matter and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

J. EDW. PHILLIPS,
W. H. MORTON,
WM. McCOLL,
WM. HOGG,
B. W. SHILES,
*Committee on Appeals.*

*Resolved*, That the installation of Grand Lodge officers to-morrow evening be held in the Third Degree.

*Resolved*, That Bro. H. Waller, P. G. M., be requested to exemplify the Secret Work to-morrow morning, between eleven and twelve o'clock.

*Resolved*, That the sums paid by Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, and Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, to this Grand Lodge, for supplies to replace those destroyed by fire, be refunded, and a warrant drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

The Grand Secretary gave notice that he would move to-morrow evening, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn

this day, this annual session shall stand adjourned "*sine die.*"

*Resolved* That this Grand Lodge adjourn to-morrow at 8.30 A. M.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

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## THIRD DAY.

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th June, 1895.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8.30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and after the stomary preliminaries was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented and read copy of the annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of B. C. submitted in accordance with the Rules of that Association.

VICTORIA, B. C., 13th June, 1895.

*To the Members of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of B. C.*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I beg to submit a report as to the membership and finances of the Association for the past sixteen months, for your consideration.

MEMBERSHIP.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. of Members as per last report | | 190 |
| " " | Policies issued | 32 |
| " " | Reinstated | 5 |
| | | 227 |

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| No. of Members Died | 3 | |
| " " Policies lapsed by non-payment of Assess'ts | 36 | |
| | | 39 |
| No. of Policies in force at this date | | 188 |

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

### ENDOWMENT FUND.

*Receipts.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Endowment Fund | | $355 90 |
| Reserve Fund | | 33 55 |
| Received for Assessments | | 2,139 55 |
| " " Interest | | 12 25 |
| | | $2,541 25 |

*Payments.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Insurance on death of Bro. R. Scott, P. G. | $1,000 00 | |
| " " Bro. T. W. Carter | 1,000 00 | |
| | | $2,000 00 |
| Balance | | $ 541 25 |

### MANAGEMENT FUND.

*Receipts.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Received from Grand Lodge of British Columbia | $205 49 |
| " for Entrance Fees | 82 50 |
| " for Dues | 438 79 |
| | $726 78 |

*Payments.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Registration of Rules | $15 00 | |
| Printing Rules, Medical Examination Forms, etc. | 111 75 | |
| Stationery | 8 75 | |
| Salary, Secretary-Treasurer | 125 00 | |
| Agent's Commission | 138 18 | |
| Preparation of Medical Examination Form | 10 00 | |
| Medical Referees' Fees | 8 50 | |
| Bond of Secretary-Treasurer | 25 00 | |
| Postage and Sundries | 31 75 | |
| | | $473 93 |
| Balance | | $ 252 85 |

### SUMMARY.

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|---|---|
| Balance, Endowment Fund | $541 25 |
| " Management do | 252 85 |
| | $794 10 |

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|---|---|---|
| Deposit in Dominion Gov't Savings Bank and Savings Branch of Bank of B.C. | $793 25 | |
| Cash in hands of Secretary-Treasurer.. | 85 | |
| | | $794 10 |

Fraternally submitted,

FRED'K DAVEY,
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

Moved and seconded,—That the Report be received and filed.

Moved and seconded as an amendment.—That the Report be received and printed with the Proceedings of this Sesion, which was agreed to.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Legislation deferred from yesterday was resumed. Clause IV *re*-Petition of Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia.

Moved and seconded,—That the clause be adopted. Moved by Representative Henderson, No. 2, and seconded by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4,—That the report of the Committee be amended by striking out all the words of clause IV., after the words, "B. C." in second line, and substituting the following:—"We recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted and that this Grand Lodge decline to grant licenses in future to any Odd Fellows' Insurance Association to do business in this Jurisdiction. Further, that in view of the decisions of the Grand Sire referred to in the petition, we do not consider it necessary for this Association to take out a license.

Moved and seconded as an amendment to the amendment,—That the matter be referred to the Grand Sire for his decision.

The previous question was moved by Rep. McKenzie, No. 26, and carried, and the main question submitted, the

amendment to the amendment being put first and declared 'ost. The amendment was then put and declared carried.

The Grand Master asked permission to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge against this decision, which was on motion granted.

Clause III. *re* application of Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada to do business in this Jurisdiction, moved by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, seconded by Rep. A. Henderson, No. 2, and carried—That this clause of the report be amended by striking out all the words after the words "B. C." in third line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Although we have every reason to believe that this Association is an excellent one, yet we conceive it the duty of this Grand Lodge to protect our own home institution, and we therefore recommend that the permission asked for to enable the O. R. Association of Canada to do business in this Jurisdiction be refused."

Clause V., *re* Benefits, was adopted.

Clause VI., *re* Regalia, was adopted.

The report of the Committee was, on motion, adopted as amended.

The Grand Master's appointment of D. Menzies P. G., No. 8, as Grand Conductor, at the first day's session, was, on motion, approved.

Moved by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, seconded by H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2.:

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Whereas the institution of Odd Fellowship is founded not only for the promotion of the social, moral and intellectual welfare of its members, but also for their relief in sickness and distress, and

Whereas, on account of the rapid increase of its membership and

influence, the present time may be opportune for the establishment of an Odd Fellows' Hospital and Convalescent Home.

Be it therefore resolved, that a special committee, composed as follows: Bros. Phillips and Dr. Walker, New Westminster; Bros. Crossan and Quennell, Nanaimo; Bros. Gilmour and Dr. Carroll, Vancouver; and Bros. Davey and Dr. F. Hall, Victoria; be appointed for the purpose of thoroughly investigating the desirability of such an institution, and ascertaining the most suitable and advantageous place for its location.

That this committee report at their earliest convenience to the executive of the Grand Lodge of B. C., who are hereby empowered to make such arrangements for the promotion of this institution as will advance the cause of Odd Fellowship.

Moved and seconded as an amendment and carried—That the last paragraph be amended to read : That this Committee report to the next session of this Grand Lodge before any expenditure is incurred on account of this Grand Lodge.

The Resolution, as amended, was adopted.

It was moved and seconded—That all Past Grand Masters in attendance at this session be paid mileage and per diem the same as Grand Lodge Officers and Representatives, but that, in future, this practice be discontinued.

Moved and seconded as an amendment—That mileage and per diem be paid only to Grand Lodge Officers and Representatives who are entitled to the same by law.

The ayes and nays were called for and taken on the amendment as follows :

Ayes—Welsh, Day, Anderson, R. A., Rivers, Miller, A., Campbell, Edwards, Macmillan, Miller, G. A., Peto, Waller, T., Hingley, Curtis. 13.

Nays—Gray, Holmes, W. E., Foulds, Davey, Haggart, D., Neelands, Glover, Menzies, Stainton, Scoullar, Roberts, Huxtable, Stewart, Pottinger, Dempster, Hen-

derson, Townsend, W. E., Holmes, A. J., Ferguson, Morton, Anderson, W., Haggart, T. F., Mitchell, Ashwell, Jopson, Gilmour, Stirrett, Townsend, W. B., McCallum, Hodson, Aitkin, Jacques, Whiteside, Pannell, Skinner, Callin, Munroe, McLaren, Davis, W., Hogg, Parker, Center, McKenzie, Gardiner, May, Farwell, Rummings, McDonald, Cunningham. 49.

The ayes and nays were then taken on the original motion, and the following result obtained:

Ayes—Gray, Holmes, W. E., Foulds, Davey, Welsh, Haggart, D., Neelands, Glover, Menzies, Stainton, Scoullar, Roberts, Huxtable, Stewart, Day, Pottinger, Henderson, Townsend, W. E., Holmes, A. J., Ferguson, Anderson, R. A., Rivers, Morton, Anderson, W., Haggart, T. F., Mitchell, Ashwell, Campbell, Jopson, Gilmour, Stirrett, Townsend, W. B., Edwards, Macmillan, McCallum, Hodson, Aitkin, Jacques, Whiteside, Pannell, Skinner, Callin, Munroe, McLaren, Davis, W., Hogg, Parker, Center, McKenzie, Gardiner, May, Farwell, Rummings, Peto, McDonald, Cunningham, Waller, T. E., Hingley, Curtis. 59.

Nays—Miller, A., Miller, G. A. 2.

The original motion was therefore declared duly carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried—That the exemplification of the Secret Work be postponed until this evening, immediately preceding the installation of officers.

The Special Committee to investigate the case of D. Green *v.* Dominion Lodge, No. 4, presented the following report which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

We, the undersigned Special Committee, appointed to enquire into the appeal of David Green against Dominion Lodge, No. 4, concerning his expulsion from that Lodge, beg leave to state that as due notice of

trial was given, and that the same was legally carried out, we would recommend that the action of Dominion Lodge, in this matter, be sustained.

JAMES CROSSAN,
T. J. NEELANDS,
J. H. STIRRETT,
J. EDW. PHILLIPS.

The Committe on the State of the Order presented a report which was referred back to the Committee for amendment.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to 1.30 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 1.30 p. m. and was declared duly open for business.

The Roll of Officers aud Representatives was called.

It was on motion Resolved,—That the action of this Grand Lodge at this morning's session in adopting the report of the Special Committee on the case of D. Green *vs.* Dominion Lodge, No. 4, be reconsidered.

It was moved and seconded,—That the report of the Special Committee in the case of D. Green *vs.* Dominion Lodge, No. 4, be adopted.

Moved and seconded as an amendment—That the appeal of D. Green *v.* Dominion Lodge No. 4, be referred to a special committee of five members belonging to Lodges in the city of Victoria, to enquire into and report at the next session ot this Grand Lodge.

The amendment was put to the vote and declared lost, 5 voting in the affirmative and 46 against.

The original motion was submitted to the vote, and declared carried, 48 voting for and one against.

It was, on motion, *resolved*, That all documents bearing on the case of D. Green obtainable, be forwarded to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Report of the Committee on Appeals on the case of D. Green, laid over at yesterday's session, was taken from the table, and it was, on motion, *resolved*, That as the subject matter of this report has already been dealt with on the report of the Special Committee, no further action on the part of this Grand Lodge is necessary.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following Report, which was, on motion, considered *seriatem :*

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

1. Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Secretary's Report, beg leave to recommend as follows: That the report be adopted.

2. In view of the fact that it is customary for the Grand Secretary to handle considerable sums of money belonging to this Grand Lodge during his term of office, we would recommend that that officer be called upon to give bonds in the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000), in some guarantee company, the premium of the same to be paid by this Grand Lodge.

3. We also understand that this Grand Lodge is not incorporated. We would therefore recommend that this Grand Body take such action at this session to have same incorporated without delay.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. PARKER,
A. W. SCOULLAR,
E. C. DAVISON,
G. A. MILLER,
GEO. H. W. ASHWELL,
*Committee on State of the Order.*

Clause I., *re* Grand Secretary's report, was adopted.

Clause II., *re* bonds of Grand Secretary, was adopted.

Clause III., *re* Incorporation of Grand Lodge, was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the report be adopted, as a whole.

*Resolved*, That the incoming Grand Master appoint one or more Instructors for Subordinate Lodges on the Mainland, and one or more for the Island, also an Instructor for the Rebekah Lodges on the Mainland, and one for the Island.

It was moved and seconded—That the Finance Committee be instructed to place the sum of fifty dollars ($50) in the estimates to re-imburse the present Grand Master for expenses incurred during his unusually long term of office.

This motion was defeated ; 12 voting for it and 35 against.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented a report which was, on motion, ordered to be amended, by allowing Bro. J. F. Stainton, Grand Herald, the same amount for Mileage as that allowed Rep. Skinner, both being residents of the same place. The report was amended and adopted as follows :

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that we have examined the certificates presented by the officers and representatives in attendance at this session of the Grand Lodge, and find them entitled to the amounts stated against their respective names.

| NAMES. | No. of Lodge. | Location. | No. of Days. | Per Diem. | Miles Travelled | Mileage. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Officers.* | | | | | | | |
| T. C. Gray, G. M. | 10 | Vancouver. | 3 | $ 6 00 | 84 | $ 8 40 | $ 14 40 |
| W. E. Holmes, D. G. M. | 1 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| P. J. Foulds, G. W | 3 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| F. Davey, G. S. | 1 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| D. Welsh, G. T | 13 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| R. Roberts, G. R. | 1 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| A. W. Scoullar, G. R. | 8 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| D. Haggart, G. Chap. | 6 | Wellington | 3 | 6 00 | 78 | 7 80 | 13 80 |
| T. F. Neelands, G. Mar. | 8 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| G. Glover, G. Guardian. | 4 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| D. Menzies, G. Cond. | 8 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| J. F. Stainton, G. Her. | 21 | Ladners L'dg. | 3 | 6 00 | 111 | 11 10 | 17 10 |
| *Representatives.* | | | | | | | |
| W. H. Huxtable | 1 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| A. Stewart | 1 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| A. G. Day | 1 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| J. Pottinger | 2 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| P. W. Dempster | 2 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| A. Henderson | 2 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| A. J. Holmes | 3 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| A. H. Ferguson | 3 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| W. E. Townsend | 3 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| G. Fowlie | 4 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| R. A. Anderson | 4 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| W. H. Morton | 5 | Nanaimo | 3 | 6 00 | 73 | 7 30 | 13 30 |
| R. Rivers | 5 | Nanaimo | 3 | 6 00 | 73 | 7 30 | 13 30 |
| W. Anderson | 6 | Wellington | 3 | 6 00 | 78 | 7 80 | 13 80 |
| T. F. Haggart | 6 | Wellington | 3 | 6 00 | 78 | 7 80 | 13 80 |
| H. Mitchell | 6 | Wellington | 3 | 6 00 | 78 | 7 80 | 13 80 |
| G. Ashwell | 7 | Chilliwack | 3 | 6 00 | 147 | 14 70 | 20 70 |
| A. Miller | 8 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| E. C. Davison | 9 | Kamloops | 3 | 6 00 | 335 | 33 50 | 39 50 |
| P. Campbell | 10 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| J. B. Jopson | 10 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| H. B. Gilmour | 10 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| J. H. Stirrett | 12 | Donald | 3 | 6 00 | 542 | 54 20 | 60 20 |
| W. B. Townsend | 13 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| S. W. Edwards | 14 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| J. Macmillan | 14 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | | | 6 00 |
| J. W. McCallum | 15 | Cloverdale | 3 | 6 00 | 112 | 11 20 | 17 20 |
| W. Hodson | 16 | Nelson | 3 | 6 00 | 663 | 66 30 | 72 30 |
| A. C. Aitkin | 17 | Duncan | 3 | 6 00 | 40 | 4 00 | 10 00 |
| F. B. Jacques | 18 | Vernon | 3 | 6 00 | 465 | 46 50 | 52 50 |
| W. A. Miller | 19 | Mt. Pl'snt, Van | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| | | C'rd Forward. | | $258 00 | | $420 50 | $678 50 |

| NAMES. | No. of Lodge. | Location. | No. of Days. | Per Diem. | Miles Travelled | Mileage. | Total. |
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| *Representatives.* | | | | | | | |
| | | B'rt Forw'rd | .. | $258 00 | ... | $420 50 | $678 50 |
| F. S. Whiteside | 20 | Nanaimo | 3 | 6 00 | 73 | 7 30 | 13 30 |
| E. G. Pannell | 20 | Nanaimo | 3 | 6 00 | 73 | 7 30 | 13 30 |
| W. B. Skinner | 21 | Ladners L'dg. | 3 | 6 00 | 111 | 11 10 | 17 10 |
| J. Callin | 22 | North Bend | 3 | 6 00 | 213 | 21 30 | 27 30 |
| G. Munroe | 23 | Ashcroft | 3 | 6 00 | 288 | 28 80 | 34 80 |
| I. McLaren | 24 | Eburne | 3 | 6 00 | 90 | 9 00 | 15 00 |
| W. Davis | 26 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| W. Hogg | 26 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| A. Parker | 26 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| G. L. Center | 26 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| A. McKenzie | 26 | Vancouver | 3 | 6 00 | 84 | 8 40 | 14 40 |
| W. H. Gardiner | 27 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| R. May | 27 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| A. A. Farwell | 28 | Agassiz | 3 | 6 00 | 155 | 15 5 | 21 50 |
| C. H. Rummings | 29 | Northfield | 3 | 6 00 | 76 | 7 60 | 13 60 |
| F. G. Peto | 30 | Nanaimo | 3 | 6 00 | 73 | 7 30 | 13 30 |
| J. J. McDonald | 31 | Wellington | 3 | 6 00 | 78 | 7 80 | 13 80 |
| R. S. Cunningham | 32 | Mission City | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| T. E. Waller | 35 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | ... | ..... | 6 00 |
| I. J. Hingley | 33 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | ... | ..... | 6 00 |
| D. Curtis | 33 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | ... | ..... | 6 00 |
| *Past Grand Masters.* | | | | | | | |
| J. Wriglesworth | 4 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | ... | ..... | 6 00 |
| J. E. Phillips | 4 | Victoria | 3 | 6 00 | ... | ..... | 6 00 |
| J. Davies | 1 | Victoria | 2 | 4 00 | ... | ..... | 4 00 |
| J. H. Meldram | 2 | Victoria | 2 | 4 00 | ... | ..... | 4 00 |
| B. W. Shiles | 3 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| W. McColl | 3 | New Westm'r | 2 | 4 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 13 60 |
| J. E. Phillips | 3 | New Westm'r | 3 | 6 00 | 96 | 9 60 | 15 60 |
| J. Crossan | 5 | Nanaimo | 3 | 6 00 | 73 | 7 30 | 13 30 |
| | | Total | .. | $426 00 | ... | $650 40 | 1076 40 |

H. B. GILMOUR,
W. H. GARDINER,
ROBT. RIVERS,
W. TOWNSEND,
J. H. STIRRETT,
} *Commitee on Mileage and Per Diem.*

The Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock this evening.

## EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 8 o'clock p. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was declared open for business.

The call of Roll of Officers and Representatives was on motion dispensed with.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That in future, Grand Masters be required to furnish this Grand Lodge with an itemized statement of expenses incurred by them and of the miles actually travelled in performing the duties of their office.

J. Davies, P. G. M., offered the following Resolution:—

That this Grand Lodge appoint a committee to report at the next Session with a view of passing laws making it imperative for all Representatives to the Grand Lodge to be members in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge under such rules as may be passed by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master ruled the Resolution out of order as being beyond the powers of the Grand Lodge to legislate in the manner indicated.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted.

*To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:*

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report as follows :

That we have examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct, everything being in good order.

We recommend, that the suggestion make in the Grand Secretary's report, that a majority of the Finance Committee be selected from the place where the Grand Secretary resides, for the reasons given in his report, be adopted.

### Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure.

*Revenue.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash balance in Treasurer's hands | $ 1113 28 | |
| Per Capita Tax, 3015 members @ 90c. | 2713 50 | |
| 50c. payable 30th June, and 40c. on 31st December | | $3826 78 |

*Expenditure.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Grand Secretary's salary | $ 600 00 | |
| Grand Master's expenses | 100 00 | |
| Sovereign Grand Lodge tax | 150 00 | |
| Rent of Grand Secretary's office | 100 00 | |
| Printing | 200 00 | |
| Janitor | 15 00 | |
| Premium on Grand Treasurer's Bond | 25 00 | |
| " Grand Secretary's Bond | 25 00 | |
| Postage | 30 00 | |
| Caretaker, Grand Secretary's office | 20 00 | |
| Mileage and per diem | 1076 40 | |
| Postage, Grand Master | 30 00 | |
| Refund to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7 | 30 00 | |
| " Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4 | 10 00 | |
| Cash for Altar | 20 25 | |
| | | $2431 65 |
| Balance | | $1395 13 |

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. FERGUSON,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
A. A. FARWELL.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and re-opened in the Third Degree.

The Third Degree members in waiting, having been admitted, H. Waller, P. G. M. exemplified the Secret Work of the Initiatory and Three Degrees of the Order.

The Chair appointed H. Waller, P. G. M., and J. Crossan, P. G. M., to introduce the officers elect for Installation.

W. E. Holmes, No. 1, was presented and duly installed as Grand Master.

The Grand Master then installed the following elective officers into their respective chairs:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| P. J. Foulds, | No. 3, as..... | Deputy Grand Master. |
| W. H. Morton, | " 5, as..... | Grand Warden. |
| F. Davey, | " 1, as..... | Grand Secretary. |
| H. B. Gilmour, | " 10, as..... | Grand Treasurer. |

The Grand Master appointed the following Subordinate Officers, who were also duly installed :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| T. F. Neelands, | No. 8..... | Grand Chaplain. |
| A. Henderson, | " 2..... | Grand Marshal. |
| A. H. Ferguson, | " 3..... | Grand Guardian. |
| H. Mitchell, | " 6..... | Grand Conductor. |
| E. C. Davison, | " 9..... | Grand Herald. |

The Grand Master appointed the following as his District Deputies :

S. W. Edwards, No. 14, for District, No. 1, comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 4, 14 and 33.

W. H. Gardiner, No. 27, for District No. 2, comprising Lodges Nos. 3, 13 and 27.

F. S. Whiteside, No. 20, for District No. 3, comprising Lodges Nos. 5, 20, 30 and 35.

W. Anderson, No. 6, for District No. 4, comprising Lodges Nos. 6, 29 and 31.

R. J. Marshall, No. 7, for District No. 5, comprising Lodge No. 7.

A. Parker, No. 10, for District No. 6, comprising Lodges Nos. 8, 10, 19 and 26.

T. Bloomer, No. 9, for District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 9.

J. Bruce, No. 11, for District No. 8, comprising Lodge No. 11.

R. Urquhart, No. 12, for District No. 9, comprising Lodges Nos. 12, 25 and 34.

J. McCallum, No. 15, for District No. 10, comprising Lodge No. 15.

E. C. Arthur, M. D., No. 16, for District No. 11, comprising Lodge No. 16.

A. C. Aitkin, No. 17, for District No, 12, comprising Lodge No. 17.

F. B. Jacques, No. 18, for District No. 13, comprising Lodge No. 18.

J. T. Stainton, No. 21, for District No. 14, comprising Lodge No. 21.

J. Z. Choate, No. 22, for District, No. 15, comprising Lodge No. 22.

G. Munroe, No. 23, for District No. 16, comprising Lodge No. 23.

I. McLaren, No. 24, for District No. 17, comprising Lodge No. 24.

A. A. Farwell, M. D., No. 28, for District No. 18, comprising Lodge No. 28.

R. S. Cunningham, No. 32, for District No 19, comprising Lodge No. 32.

Also the following D. D. Grand Masters for Rebekah Lodges :

Sister Walker, No. 1, for District No. 1, comprising Lodge No. 1.

Sister Flett, No. 2, for District No. 2, comprising Lodges Nos. 2 and 7.

Sister Gourlay, No. 3, for District No. 3, comprising Lodge No. 3.

Sister McCutcheon, No. 4, for District No. 4, comprising Lodge No. 4.

Sister Turnbull, No. 5, for District No. 5, comprising Lodges Nos. 5 and 6.

Also the following Instructors for Subordinate Lodges:

R. Anderson, No. 4, for Vancouver Island.

D. Welsh, No. 13, for New Westminster and District, comprising Lodges Nos. 3, 7, 13, 15, 21, 27, 28 and 32.

W. Hogg, No. 10, for Vancouver and District, comprising Lodges Nos. 8, 10, 19, 24 and 26.

J. Callin. No, 22, for Lodges Nos. 22 and 23.

E. C. Davison, No. 9, for Lodges Nos. 9, 12, 16, 18, 25 and 34.

Also the following Instructors for Rebekah Lodges :

Sister Foulds for Lodges Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

Sister Flett, for Lodges Nos. 2 and 7.

Sister Dempster, for Vancouver Island.

The Grand Master appointed the following to form the Standing Committees :

Finance.—H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; S. W. Edwards, No. 14; A. McKeown, No. 1; W. Hogg, No. 10; W. H. Gardiner, No. 27.

Appeals—Geo. Norris, No. 5; R. Rivers, No. 5; E. G. Cavalsky, No, 20; D. Menzies, No. 8; F. B. Jacques, No. 18.

Laws of Subordinates.—J. H. Meldram, P. G. M., No, 2; G. Fowlie, No. 4; A. Stewart, No. 1; T. E. Waller, No. 33; E. Dickinson, No. 14.

PETITIONS.—A. W. Scoullar, No. 8; J. F. Stainton, No. 21; A. Parker, No. 10; G. A. Miller, No. 19; A. C. Aitkin, No. 17.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—E. Quennell, P. G. M., No. 5; A. Robertson, No. 6; W. Marshall, No. 20; F. G. Peto, No. 30; R. A. Anderson, No. 4.

LEGISLATION.—J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4; A. G. Day, No. 1; J. Pottinger, No. 2: C. Strong, No. 14; W. B. Townsend, No. 13.

JUDICIARY.—B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; D. Welsh, No. 13; J A. McKelvie, No. 18.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—J. Macmillan, No. 14; J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5: W. H. Lewis, No. 13; W. E. Townsend, No. 3; L. Mounce, No. 6.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary; A. Henderson, No. 2; G. Glover, No. 4; R. May, No. 27; N. Milburn, No. 5.

STATISTICS, *re* DUES AND BENEFITS.—Grand Secretary; H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3.

The Third Degree Members having retired the Grand Lodge was closed in the Third and reopened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

It was on motion *Resolved*:—That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

It was on motion *Resolved:*—That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be instructed to vote for the proposed amendment to the Constitution, reducing the age at which persons may be admitted to the Order from twenty-one to eighteen years.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Foresters' Demonstration Committee, enclosing complimentary tickets for the officers of the Grand Lodge to the Union Demonstration of Foresters at Caledonia Park in this city to-morrow.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That the invitation be accepted and the Grand Secretary instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication and return the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the courtesy extended therein.

*Resolved*,—That a vote of thanks be tendered H.

Waller, P. G. M., for the able manner in which he exemplified the Secret Work this evening.

*Resolved,*—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Lodges in this city for the use of the Hall, and for the kind manner in which the visiting brethren have been treated during this Session.

*Resolved,*—That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Sisters of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, for the hospitable manner in which the visiting brothers and their ladies were entertained at the social on Tuesday evening last.

*Resolved,*—That when this Grand Lodge adjourn this evening it be *sine die.*

The minutes of this day's Session were read and adopted.

No further business offering the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

FRED'K DAVEY,
*Grand Secretary.*

# In Memoriam.

## GEORGE WILLIAMS, P. G.

Initiated in "Victoria" Lodge, No. 1, 15th October, 1877.

Died 25th April, 1895.

## ALFRED BLAKE, P. G.

Joined "Victoria" Lodge No. 1, by Deposit of Card, 25th May, 1885.

Died 22nd May, 1895.

## J. W. ARNOLD, P. G.

Joined "Dominion" Lodge, No. 4, by Deposit of Card, 2nd August, 1888.

Died 4th September, 1894.

## ROBERT SCOTT, P. G.

Initiated in "Amity" Lodge, No. 132, Murphysboro, Illinois, 18th January, 1868.

Charter Member, "Harmony" Lodge, No. 6, 16th March, 1883.

Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., 1888.

Died 19th April, 1894.

## *ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF*

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

| NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE. | LOCATION. | NIGHT OF MEETING. | Initiations. | Admitted by Card | Adm'td as A. O. F | Reinstated. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria, No. 1 | Victoria | Monday | 3 | .. | .. | .. |
| Columbia, No. 2 | Victoria | Wednesday | 4 | 2 | .. | 1 |
| New Westminster, No. 3 | New Westminster. | Friday | 10 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Dominion, No. 4 | Victoria | Thursday | 4 | .. | .. | .. |
| Black Diamond, No. 5 | Nanaimo | Wednesday | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| Harmony, No. 6 | Wellington | Monday | 13 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Excelsior, No. 7 | Chilliwack | Tuesday | 5 | .. | .. | .. |
| Vancouver, No. 8 | Vancouver | Friday | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| Tatnai, No. 9 | Kamloops | Monday | 4 | .. | .. | .. |
| Western Star, No. 10 | Vancouver | Thursday | 24 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Union, No. 11 | Union | Friday | 4 | .. | .. | .. |
| Selkirk, No. 12 | Donald | Thursday | 6 | .. | .. | .. |
| Royal City, No. 13 | New Westminster. | Thursday | 10 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Acme, No. 14 | Victoria | Monday | 6 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Cloverdale, No. 15 | Cloverdale | Friday | 3 | .. | .. | .. |
| Kootenay, No. 16 | Nelson | Monday | 7 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Duncan No. 17 | Duncan | Saturday | 3 | .. | .. | .. |
| Vernon Valley, No. 18 | Vernon | Tuesday | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| Mount Pleasant, No. 19 | Mt. Pl'snt, V'ncvr. | Friday | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Centennial, No. 20 | Nanaimo | Monday | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Delta, No. 21 | Ladners Landing | Monday | 4 | .. | .. | .. |
| Gold Range, No. 22 | North Bend | Saturday | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| Ashcroft, No. 23 | Ashcroft | Saturday | 4 | .. | .. | .. |
| Island, No. 24 | Eburne | Tuesday | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| Revelstoke, No. 25 | Revelstoke | Thursday | 17 | 7 | .. | .. |
| Pacific, No. 26 | Vancouver | Monday | 224 | 22 | 2 | .. |
| Amity, No. 27 | New Westminster. | Monday | 173 | 13 | .. | .. |
| Cheam, No. 28 | Agassiz | Saturday | 17 | 6 | .. | .. |
| Perseverance, No. 29 | Northfield | Tuesday | 24 | 5 | .. | .. |
| Friendship, No. 30 | Nanaimo | Friday | 22 | 5 | .. | .. |
| | | | 599 | 68 | 2 | 2 |

## SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1894.

| Withdrawn. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Ceased Membership by N. P. D. | Total No. of Members. | Rejected. | Degrees Conferred. | No. of P'st Grands | Receipts. Dues. | Receipts. Adms'ns and Degrees. | Receipts. Rents and Invested Funds. | Receipts. Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| .. | .. | .. | 5 | 160 | .. | 5 | 36 | $ 1,005 25 | $ 73 50 | $ 608 85 | $ 1,798 35 |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 176 | 1 | 10 | 34 | 1,047 50 | 126 00 | 529 74 | 1,730 74 |
| 7 | .. | .. | .. | 154 | 1 | ..... | 27 | 566 00 | 142 00 | 1,099 50 | 1,807 50 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 128 | .. | 12 | 28 | 590 75 | 87 00 | 61 40 | 739 15 |
| .. | .. | 1 | .. | 150 | .. | 12 | 24 | 734 50 | 70 00 | 711 00 | 1,515 50 |
| 6 | .. | 1 | 7 | 158 | .. | 39 | 17 | 995 75 | 383 00 | 555 25 | 1,934 00 |
| 4 | .. | .. | .. | 43 | .. | ..... | 15 | 248 50 | 113 25 | 182 00 | 543 75 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 140 | .. | ..... | 13 | 625 50 | 69 00 | 666 55 | 1,361 05 |
| 1 | .. | .. | .. | 71 | .. | 10 | 9 | 377 75 | 125 00 | 224 00 | 740 50 |
| 19 | .. | .. | 2 | 168 | .. | 75 | 17 | 779 75 | 663 00 | ..... | 1,451 00 |
| .. | 1 | .. | .. | 62 | .. | 9 | 10 | 229 00 | 111 00 | 120 00 | 460 00 |
| 3 | .. | .. | .. | 67 | 1 | 24 | 8 | 452 60 | 209 00 | ..... | 672 40 |
| 10 | .. | .. | 5 | 86 | 1 | 30 | 9 | 438 50 | 302 00 | 87 15 | 957 30 |
| .. | .. | .. | 8 | 100 | .. | 22 | 11 | 466 25 | 188 50 | 19 75 | 674 50 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 56 | .. | 9 | 5 | 214 00 | 65 00 | ..... | 279 00 |
| 1 | .. | .. | .. | 44 | .. | 11 | 6 | 347 20 | 160 00 | ..... | 507 20 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 46 | .. | 18 | 4 | 186 75 | 120 00 | ..... | 306 75 |
| .. | .. | .. | 1 | 51 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 228 00 | 55 00 | 176 00 | 459 00 |
| 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 44 | .. | 1 | 5 | 236 50 | 4 00 | 326 50 | 567 00 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 115 | .. | 8 | 8 | 657 35 | 60 00 | ..... | 717 35 |
| 1 | .. | .. | .. | 51 | .. | 16 | 3 | 170 00 | 120 00 | 46 00 | 343 75 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 | .. | 6 | 2 | 247 50 | 65 00 | ..... | 339 00 |
| 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 30 | .. | 24 | 2 | 184 75 | 190 00 | ..... | 457 50 |
| 1 | .. | .. | .. | 29 | .. | 25 | 1 | 146 00 | 21 75 | ..... | 167 75 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 24 | .. | 44 | ... | 79 29 | 475 00 | ..... | 554 29 |
| .. | .. | 1 | .. | 247 | 8 | 634 | ... | 663 25 | 2,472 00 | ..... | 3,230 70 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 186 | 15 | 468 | 2 | 83 50 | 1,840 00 | ..... | 1,925 00 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 23 | .. | ..... | 1 | ..... | 295 00 | ..... | 295 00 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 29 | .. | ..... | ... | 14 50 | 300 00 | ..... | 314 50 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 1 | 81 | ... | ..... | 270 00 | ..... | 270 00 |
| 60 | 3 | 7 | 50 | 2,705 | 29 | 1,599 | 300 | $12,016 19 | $9,175 00 | $5,413 69 | $27,119 53 |

## *ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF*

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

| NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE. | LOCATION. | NIGHT OF MEETING. | Initiations. | Admitted by Card | Reinstated. | Error Last Report. | Withdrawn. | Expelled. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria, No. 1 | Victoria | Monday | | | | | | |
| Columbia, No. 2 | Victoria | Wedn'dy | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | |
| New Westminster, No. 3 | New Westminster. | Friday | 1 | | | | | |
| Dominion, No. 4 | Victoria | Thursday | 2 | | | | | |
| Black Diamond, No. 5 | Nanaimo | Wedn'dy | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Harmony, No. [illegible] | Wellington | Monday | 4 | | 1 | | 6 | |
| Excelsior, No. [illegible] | Chilliwack | Tuesday | | | 2 | | | |
| Vancouver, No. 8 | Vancouver | Friday | 3 | | | | 3 | |
| Tatnai, No. 9 | Kamloops | Monday | 4 | 1 | | | | |
| Western Star, No. 10 | Vancouver | Thursday | 6 | | | 1 | | |
| Union, No. 11 | Union | Friday | | | 1 | | | |
| Selkirk, No. 12 | Donald | Thursday | 7 | | | | | |
| Royal City, No. 13 | New Westminster. | Thursday | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Acme, No. 14 | Victoria | Monday | 6 | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Cloverdale, No. 15 | Cloverdale | Friday | | | | | | |
| Kootenay, No. 16 | Nelson | Monday | 2 | | | | 1 | |
| Duncan, No. 17 | Duncan | Saturday | 3 | | | | | |
| Vernon Valley, No. 18 | Vernon | Tuesday | | | | | 1 | |
| Mount Pleasant, No. 19 | Mt. Pl'snt, V'ncvr. | Friday | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Centennial, No. 20 | Nanaimo | Monday | 2 | | | | | |
| Delta, No. 21 | Ladners Landing | Monday | 2 | | | | | |
| Gold Range, No. 22 | North Bend | Saturday | | | | | | |
| Ashcroft, No. 23 | Ashcroft | Saturday | 5 | | | | | |
| Island, No. 24 | Eburne | Tuesday | 1 | | | | | |
| Revelstoke, No. 25 | Revelstoke | Thursday | 3 | | | | 1 | |
| Pacific, No. 26 | Vancouver | Monday | 9 | 1 | | | 3 | 1 |
| Amity, No. 27 | New Westminster. | Monday | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Cheam, No. 28 | Agassiz | Saturday | 21 | | | | | |
| Perseverance, No. 29 | Northfield | Tuesday | 6 | 2 | | | | |
| Friendship, No. 30 | Nanaimo | Friday | 31 | 2 | | 1 | | |
| Banner, No. 31 | Wellington | Wedn'dy | 75 | 8 | | | | |
| Mission City, No. 32 | Mission City | Saturday | 34 | 7 | | | | |
| Peerless, No. 33 | Victoria | Friday | 150 | 10 | | | | |
| | | | 386 | 36 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 2 |

## *SUBORDINATE LODGES.*

COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR HALF YEAR ENDED 31ST DEC., 1894.

| Resigned. | Deceased. | Ceased Membership by N. P. D. | Errors Last Rep'rt | Total No. of Members. | Rejected. | Degrees Conferred. | No. of P'st Grands | Receipts. Dues. | Receipts. Adms'ns and Degrees. | Receipts. Rents and Invested Funds. | Receipts. Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| .. | 1 | .. | .. | 159 | .. | 2 | 37 | $ 856 50 | $ 17 00 | $ 686 62 | $ 1,648 78 |
| 1 | 1 | 8 | .. | 168 | .. | 9 | 34 | 891 75 | 121 00 | 590 20 | 1,602 95 |
| .. | 1 | .. | .. | 154 | .. | 4 | 29 | 757 75 | 23 00 | ..... | 780 75 |
| .. | 1 | 12 | .. | 117 | .. | 6 | 28 | 624 50 | 40 00 | 111 40 | 775 90 |
| .. | .. | 11 | .. | 142 | .. | 3 | 24 | 675 00 | 52 50 | 832 00 | 1,549 50 |
| .. | .. | 5 | .. | 152 | .. | 12 | 17 | 975 00 | 78 00 | 658 75 | 1,711 75 |
| .. | .. | .. | 1 | 45 | .. | ..... | 16 | 179 95 | ..... | 165 00 | 344 95 |
| .. | .. | 4 | .. | 136 | .. | 10 | 14 | 687 50 | 62 00 | 464 60 | 1,254 10 |
| .. | .. | 5 | .. | 71 | .. | 13 | 10 | 421 25 | 145 00 | 361 33 | 948 08 |
| .. | .. | 8 | .. | 167 | .. | 13 | 19 | 863 75 | 124 50 | 40 60 | 1,028 85 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 63 | .. | 3 | 11 | 405 00 | 15 00 | 223 35 | 643 35 |
| .. | 1 | 2 | .. | 71 | .. | 15 | 9 | 551 75 | 189 00 | ..... | 741 50 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 88 | .. | 4 | 9 | 386 25 | 38 00 | 12 00 | 644 55 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 104 | .. | 14 | 12 | 567 25 | 128 00 | 10 00 | 713 75 |
| .. | .. | 6 | .. | 50 | .. | ..... | 5 | 217 60 | ..... | 72 50 | 290 10 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 44 | .. | 21 | 8 | 314 50 | 163 50 | 33 00 | 511 00 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 49 | .. | 9 | 6 | 268 65 | 75 00 | ..... | 343 65 |
| .. | .. | 6 | 3 | 41 | .. | 1 | 5 | 180 50 | 5 00 | 304 29 | 489 79 |
| .. | .. | 2 | .. | 44 | .. | 3 | 6 | 215 00 | 25 00 | 194 50 | 434 50 |
| .. | .. | 11 | .. | 106 | .. | 4 | 9 | 593 85 | 55 00 | 14 50 | 661 35 |
| .. | .. | 5 | .. | 48 | .. | 5 | 2 | 426 26 | 45 00 | 51 75 | 523 01 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 272 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 | 287 50 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 | .. | 9 | 3 | 191 50 | 145 00 | ..... | 336 50 |
| .. | 1 | .. | .. | 29 | .. | 3 | 1 | 125 00 | 20 00 | 11 45 | 156 45 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 | .. | 15 | 1 | 205 65 | 120 00 | ..... | 325 65 |
| .. | 1 | .. | .. | 252 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 1,242 75 | 168 00 | ..... | 1,433 90 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 188 | .. | 52 | 2 | 1,131 50 | 35 00 | ..... | 1,231 00 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 44 | 1 | 48 | 1 | 195 00 | 297 50 | 20 00 | 537 50 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 | .. | 36 | .. | 204 00 | 375 00 | ..... | 716 60 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 61 | .. | 87 | 1 | 199 00 | 350 00 | ..... | 549 00 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 83 | 1 | 222 | 1 | 295 00 | 887 50 | ..... | 1,182 50 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 41 | .. | 102 | .. | 120 75 | 370 00 | ..... | 490 75 |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | 160 | 13 | 420 | 2 | 234 75 | 1,555 00 | ..... | 1,789 75 |
| 1 | 7 | 85 | 4 | 3,015 | 17 | 1,170 | 326 | $15,476 46 | $5,734 50 | $4,861 84 | $26,679 26 |

*ABSTRACT OF THE*

OF THE LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

| NAME AND NO. OF LODGE. | No. of Brothers Relieved. | No. of Widow'd Families Rel'vd | No. of Brothers Buried. | No. of Weeks Sick Benefits Paid. | Relief of Brothers. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria, No. 1 | 35 | 1 | .. | 443 | $ 3,266 00 |
| Columbia, No. 2 | 23 | 1 | .. | 122 | 1,175 00 |
| New Westminster, No. 3 | 16 | .. | 1 | 52 | 363 00 |
| Dominion, No. 4 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 712 20 |
| Black Diamond, No. 5 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 79 | 806 50 |
| Harmony, No. 6 | 26 | .. | 1 | 83 | 625 00 |
| Excelsior, No. 7 | 2 | .. | .. | 6 | 42 00 |
| Vancouver, No. 8 | 14 | .. | 1 | 139 | 918 00 |
| Tatnai, No. 9 | 8 | .. | .. | 48 | 460 00 |
| Western Star, No. 10 | 19 | .. | .. | 90 | 773 00 |
| Union, No. 11 | 12 | .. | .. | 51 | 452 00 |
| Selkirk, No. 12 | 6 | .. | 1 | 90 | 697 00 |
| Royal City, No. 13 | 17 | .. | .. | 47 | 477 75 |
| Acme, No. 14 | 9 | .. | .. | 47 | 391 00 |
| Cloverdale, No. 15 | 8 | .. | .. | 25 | 166 00 |
| Kootenay, No. 16 | 3 | .. | .. | 14 | 126 25 |
| Duncan No. 17 | 3 | .. | .. | 8 | 80 00 |
| Vernon Valley, No. 18 | 3 | 1 | .. | 37 | 355 85 |
| Mount Pleasant, No. 19 | 9 | .. | .. | 28 | 252 00 |
| Centennial, No. 20 | 7 | .. | .. | 25 | 180 00 |
| Delta, No. 21 | 10 | .. | .. | 13 | 130 00 |
| Gold Range, No. 22 | 5 | .. | .. | 14 | 102 00 |
| Ashcroft, No. 23 | 2 | .. | 1 | 9 | 95 92 |
| Island, No. 24 | 3 | .. | 1 | 3 | 27 00 |
| Revelstoke, No. 25 | .... | .. | .. | ..... | ..... |
| Pacific, No. 26 | 9 | .. | 1 | 42 | 375 00 |
| Amity, No. 27 | 8 | .. | .. | 27 | 206 00 |
| Cheam, No. 28 | .... | .. | .. | ..... | ..... |
| Perseverance, No. 29 | .... | .. | .. | ..... | ..... |
| Friendship, No. 30 | .... | .. | .. | ..... | ..... |
| Banner, No. 31 | .... | .. | .. | ..... | ..... |
| Mission City, No. 32 | .... | .. | .. | ..... | ..... |
| Peerless, No. 33 | .... | .. | .. | ..... | ..... |
| | 285 | 6 | 9 | 1,606 | $13,254 47 |

## *ANNUAL RELIEF REPORTS*

COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DEC., 1894.

| Amount Paid For | | | | | Amount of Current Expenses. | Total Assets. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Relief of Widow'd Families | Relief of Orph'ns | Burying the Dead | Special Relief. | Total Relief Paid. | | |
| $ 30 00 | ..... | $ 70 00 | $141 00 | $ 3,507 00 | $ 619 06 | $ 45,407 50 |
| 75 00 | ..... | 150 00 | 64 00 | 1,464 00 | 1,063 60 | 35,000 00 |
| ..... | $ 60 00 | ..... | 15 00 | 438 00 | 350 00 | 12,000 00 |
| 15 00 | ..... | 108 00 | ..... | 835 20 | 919 80 | 10,000 00 |
| 140 00 | ..... | 145 0 | ..... | 1,091 50 | 1,145 30 | 26,000 00 |
| ..... | ..... | 110 00 | 74 00 | 809 00 | 1,420 45 | 8,700 00 |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | 28 00 | 70 00 | 30 00 | 2,500 00 |
| ..... | ..... | 75 00 | ..... | 993 00 | 581 41 | 4,883 40 |
| ..... | ..... | 75 0 | ..... | 495 00 | 598 00 | 4,445 84 |
| ..... | ..... | 30 00 | 15 00 | 818 00 | 640 60 | 3,519 30 |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 452 00 | 334 95 | 2,608 66 |
| ..... | ..... | 75 00 | ..... | 772 00 | 993 00 | 2,827 20 |
| ..... | ..... | 35 00 | 35 00 | 547 75 | 485 45 | 1,979 68 |
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## *LIST OF OFFICERS OF*

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

| NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE. | LOCATION. | Noble Grand |
|---|---|---|
| Victoria, No. 1 | Victoria | A. J. E. Frith |
| Columbia, No. 2 | Victoria | H. A. Porter |
| New Westminster, No. 3 | New Westminster. | J. B. Ballantyne |
| Dominion, No. 4 | Victoria | John Kay |
| Black Diamond, No. 5 | Nanaimo | Geo. E. Norris |
| Harmony, No. 6 | Wellington | L. A. Murphy |
| Excelsior, No. 7 | Chilliwack | John Aird |
| Vancouver, No. 8 | Vancouver | J. O. McKay |
| Tatnai, No. 9 | Kamloops | W. M. Bird |
| Western Star, No. 10 | Vancouver | D. O'Dwyer |
| Union, No. 11 | Union | Jno. Whyte |
| Selkirk, No. 12 | Donald | W. H. Bonus |
| Royal City, No. 13 | New Westminster. | H. Gilley |
| Acme, No. 14 | Victoria | A. Sheret |
| Cloverdale, No. 15 | Cloverdale | R. D. Mackenzie |
| Kootenay, No. 16 | Nelson | M. J. McGrath |
| Duncan, No. 17 | Duncan | W. G. Manley |
| Vernon Valley, No. 18 | Vernon | S. T. Elliott |
| Mount Pleasant, No. 19 | Mt. Pl'snt, V'ncvr. | S. Astell |
| Centennial, No. 20 | Nanaimo | G. McKinnell |
| Delta, No. 21 | Ladners Landing | F. McCullogh |
| Gold Range, No. 22 | North Bend | J. M. Bunt |
| Ashcroft, No. 23 | Ashcroft | W. Shaw |
| Island, No. 24 | Eburne | S. Churchill |
| Revelstoke, No. 25 | Revelstoke | R. S. Wilson |
| Pacific, No. 26 | Vancouver | G. W. Rowland |
| Amity, No. 27 | New Westminster. | J. Chambers |
| Cheam, No. 28 | Agassiz | J. Lennon |
| Perseverance, No. 29 | Northfield | L. Jones |
| Friendship, No. 30 | Nanaimo | W. McGirr |
| Banner, No. 31 | Wellington | H. W. Jones |
| Mission City, No. 32 | Mission City | F. T. Underhill, M.D |
| Peerless, No. 33 | Victoria | W. R. Macintosh |
| Rocky Mountain. No. 34 | Golden | C. A. Warren |
| Cedar, No. 35 | Cedar District | H. L. Bates |

## *SUBORDINATE LODGES I. O. O. F.,*

COLUMBIA, FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1895.

| Vice Grand. | Recording Secretary | Treasurer. | Permanent Sec'try. |
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| A. Stewart, P.G. | Fred Davey, P. G. | R. Roberts, P. G. M. | Fred. Davey, P. G. |
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| H. Hughes | P. J. Foulds, P. G. | R. Wilson, P. G. | D. E. McKenzie |
| F. T. Holland | T. Bamford, P. G. | P.A.Babbington, P.G | T. Bamford, P. G. |
| Jas. Harley | W. H. Morton, P. G. | J. Crossan, P. G. M. | W. H. Morton, P. G. |
| J. I. Taylor | H. Woodhouse | D. Nicholson | H. Woodhouse |
| J. H. Ashwell | R. J. Marshall, P. G | J. McCutcheon, P.G. | J. Peers, P. G |
| A. R. Foxley | H. H. Davis, P. G. | T. F. Neelands, P. G. | W. Lyman |
| J S Smith | E. T. W. Pearse, P.G | R. E. Smith, P. G. | E. T. W. Pearse, P.G. |
| J. R. Webster | F. E. Fokey | A. Parker, P. G. | J. W. Weart |
| W. Cessford | W. Anthony, P. G. | R. Cessford | |
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| G. P. Nalder | J. Ehrlich | E.C.Arthur, MD, P G | W. Hodson, P. G. |
| D. McGillivray | J. H. Blyth | C. H. Dickie, P. G. | C. Bazett |
| H. C. Cooper | J. E. Matheson | W. J. Harber, | T. M. Gulley |
| T. B. Croston | R. H. Carscadden | I. G. Johnstone, | R. H. Pool |
| J. Newton | F. S. Whiteside, P.G | J. A. Bittancourt, | F.S. Whiteside, P.G. |
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| R. Kilpatrick | W. C Coatham | G. Adams, | D. McPherson |
| G. R. Joynt | H. L. Calvert | J. A. McDonald, | H. L. Calvert |
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| T. L. McKay | | F. W. Hawes | T. Bryant |
| H. Vallans | A. N. York, P. G. | J. B. Hunter | F. Mills |
| D. McMillan | I. J. Hingley, P. G. | D. Lyndsay | G. B. Harrison |
| F. H. Bacon | H. G. Parson | P. R. White | H. G. Parson |
| G. Woobank | J. G. Petherick | H. Wilkinson | |

## *ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF REBEKAH LODGES*

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

| Name & Number of Lodge. | Location. | Night of Meeting. | Mem'rs Admitted during the Year. | | Total Number of Members. | | Receipts. | Payments. | | Assets. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Brothers. | Sisters | Brothers | Sisters | | Relief of M'brs | Lodge Exp'ns | |
| Colfax, No. 1... | Victoria..... | 2nd and 4th Tuesday.... | 1 | 5 | 39 | 34 | $232 75 | ..... | $537 40 | $73 75 |
| Mizpah, No. 2. | Vancouver.... | 1st and 3rd " .... | 2 | 8 | 30 | 29 | 82 05 | ..... | 96 80 | 94 50 |
| Miriam, No. 3 . | Nanaimo .... | Every alternate Tuesday | ..... | 2 | 46 | 45 | 197 10 | $68 50 | 79 12 | 222 08 |
| Ruth, No. 4.... | Chilliwack... | " " Monday | ..... | 6 | 24 | 21 | 3 30 | ..... | ..... | 35 55 |
| Beulah, No. 5.. | New Westm'r | 2nd and 4th Tuesday.... | 15 | 8 | 74 | 43 | 640 71 | ..... | 105 35 | 548 27 |
| Alpine, No. 6.. | New Westm'r | 2nd and 4th Wednesday. | 5 | 11 | 10 | 27 | 82 70 | ..... | 83 60 | 7 10 |
| | | | 23 | 40 | 223 | 199 | $1238 61 | $68 50 | $902 27 | $981 25 |

LIST OF OFFICERS OF REBEKAH LODGES, GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F., FOR THE TERM COMMENCING 1ST JULY, 1895.

| Name & Number of Lodge. | Noble Grand. | Vice Grand. | Recording Secretary. | Treasurer. | Financial Secret'y. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colfax, No. 1.. | Sis. Mrs. Glover ..... | Sis. Mrs. Hutchinson. | Sis. Mrs. Grant..... | Sis. Mrs. Phillips.. | Sis. Mrs. Dempster |
| Mizpah, No. 2. | Sis. Mrs. J.W.Armstrong | Sis. Mrs. McDonald.. | Sis. Miss Downing... | Sis. Miss E. Nesbit | Sis. Miss L. George |
| Miriam, No. 3.. | Sis. Mrs. F. Meakin.. | Sis. Fanny Norris.... | Sis.Mrs.Whiteside,P.N.G | Sis. Mrs. Humphreys | Sis.Mrs.Norris,P.N.G |
| Ruth, No. 4.... | Sis. A. Cruickshank.. | Sis. E. Bailey ..... | Bro. J. Banks, P. G... | Sis. S. Kipp..... | Sis. L. Knight. |
| Beulah, No. 5.. | Sis. E. Shiles ..... | Sis. S. Welsh..... | Sis. A. H. Boggs ..... | Sis. I. Holmes..... | Bro.A.H.Ferguson. |
| Alpine, No. 6.. | Sis. C. Neilson.. .... | Sis. O. J. Wintermute | Sis. M. Murchie.. ... | Sis. A.Wintermute | Sis. A. Williams. |
| Bethel, No. 7.. | Sis. Mrs. G. Miller... | Sis. Mrs. Crossen..... | Bro. Crossen..... | | Bro. Johnson. |

# Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

"In future all orders for supplies from Subordinate "Lodges of the Grand Lodge on the Grand Secretary, "must be accompanied by the requisite amount to pay "for the same, and the Grand Secretary is hereby forbid-"den to forward such supplies unless the terms of this "Resolution are complied with."—*Proceedings, 1893.*

"Lodges submitting By-Laws or amendments thereto "must furnish same in duplicate, so that one copy may "be kept on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and the "other returned to the Lodge when approved by the "Committee on Laws of Subordinates."—*Proceedings, 1894.*

"That in future, Grand Masters be required to fur-"nish this Grand Lodge with an itemized statement of "expenses incurred by them, and of the miles actually "travelled in performing the duties of their office."—*Proceedings, 1895.*

"That the majority of the Committee on Finance "should reside in the same city as the Grand Secretary." —*Proceedings, 1895.*

"That the practice of paying Past Grand Masters "attending Sessions of the Grand Lodge, Mileage and "Per Diem be discontinued in future."—*Proceedings, 1895.*

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# PAST GRAND MASTERS

—OF THE—

# GRAND LODGE OF B.C. I.O.O.F.

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|---|---|---|
| *J. B. Drummond | 1874 | Victoria Lodge, No. 1. |
| John Wallace | 1875 | Victoria Lodge, No. 1. |
| M. J. Davies | 1876 | Columbia Lodge, No. 2. |
| R. Robson | 1877 | Victoria Lodge, No. 1. |
| W. J. Jayne | 1878 | Columbia Lodge, No. 2. |
| ‡Charles Gower | 1879 | Victoria Lodge, No. 1. |
| J. Westhaver | 1890 | Dominion Lodge, No. 4. |
| R. W. Sayers | 1891 | New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. |
| Henry Wallace | 1882 | Columbia Lodge, No. 2. |
| Amphlett Phillips | 1883 | Victoria Lodge, No. 1. |
| W. D. McKillican | 1884 | Dominion Lodge, No. 4. |
| Wm. McColl | 1885 | New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. |
| Fred'k Carne | 1886 | Victoria Lodge, No. 1. |
| Joseph Davies | 1887 | Victoria Lodge, No. 1. |
| James Davies (re-elected) | 1888 | Victoria Lodge, No. 1. |
| H. Simmonds | 1889 | Columbia Lodge, No. 2. |
| S. Cunliffe | 1890 | Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5. |
| J. E. Phillips | 1891 | Dominion Lodge, No. 4. |
| J. E. Phillips | 1892 | New Westminster Lodge, No. 3. |
| James Cooney | 1893 | Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5. |
| T. G. Gait | 1894 | Western Star Lodge, No. 10. |

* Died 5th February, 1884. † Died 20th September, 1879.
‡ Died 18th March, 1885. § Died 8th December, 1894.

# ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

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|---|---|
| W. E. Holmes, Grand Master | Box 424, Victoria. |
| P. J. Foulds, Deputy Grand Master | New Westminster. |
| W. H. Morton, Grand Warden | Nanaimo. |
| Fred'k Davey, Grand Secretary | P. O. Drawer 69, Victoria. |
| H. B. Gilmour, Grand Treasurer | Vancouver. |
| R. Roberts, P. G. M., Grand Representative | Victoria. |
| J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., " " | Victoria. |
| T. F. Neelands, Grand Chaplain | Vancouver. |
| A. Henderson, Grand Marshal | Victoria. |
| A. H. Ferguson, Grand Guardian | New Westminster. |
| H. Mitchell, Grand Conductor | Wellington. |
| E. C. Davison, Grand Herald | Kamloops. |

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will be held at Nanaimo commencing Wednesday, the 10th of June, 1896.

## *SUPPLIES.*

The following rates will be charged for Supplies, all orders for which must be signed by the Secretary, bear the Seal of the Lodge and be accompanied by the necessary amount to pay the same:

| | |
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| **Subordinate Lodge Rituals** | $3 00 |
| Ritual for Rebekah Degree Lodges *only* | 3 00 |
| **Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates** | 25 |
| Visiting and Withdrawal Cards for Rebekah Degree Lodges | 25 |
| **[illegible] of Forms** | 1 25 |
| Book of Odes with music | 1 00 |
| White's Digest | 3 50 |
| **Lodge Odes (Subordinate and Rebekah)** | 05 |
| Odes with music Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges | 15 |
| Anniversary Odes | 05 |
| Funeral Hymns, with Responses | 05 |
| Funeral Ceremony | 20 |
| Anniversary Ceremony | 30 |
| Memorial and Decoration Ceremony | 25 |
| Burial Ceremony, Daughters of Rebekah | 20 |
| Certificate of Membership, on Plate paper | 75 |
| Rebekah Certificate, on Plate paper | 30 |
| **Officers Roll book** | 1 25 |
| **Question Book** | 1 50 |
| **Order on Treasurer's Book, 250 orders** | 1 50 |
| Initiation Petitions, form recommended by S. G. L. Per 100 | 1 50 |
| Subordinate Lodge Degree Chart each | 3 00 |
| Bound Proceedings, Grand Lodge of B. C., 1874 to 1885 | 2 00 |
| **Subordinate Lodge Floor Work** | 50 |
| Rebekah Degree Floor Work | 50 |
| Black Book | 2 00 |
| Code for government of Rebekah Lodges | 25 |

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